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Symphony debut

The Big Spring Symphony opens the 2003-2004 season Saturday night with "The Symphony is Tchaikovsky." Tickets for the 8 p.m. show at Big Spring Municipal Auditorium are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students.

Flu vaccine offered

Texas Department of Health will be giving flu vaccine to senior citizens ages 65 and over at the Senior Citizen's Center, 1901 Simler Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Friday. Be sure and bring your Medicare-Medicaid card for billing purposes.

There will be a \$10 charge for those not covered by Medicare-Medicaid.

COMING SUNDAY



The once grand Beaumont Hotel, which stood empty and boarded up for nearly four decades, once again rings with the sounds of tinkling glasses, laughter, and cash registers. The three-story beauty on a corner of Ouray, Colorado's main thoroughfare came dangerously close to demolition when one of Ouray's part-time families bought it and spent nearly \$4 million for renovations. Now, the Beaumont employs some 50 people and is home again to a regal hotel, bookstore, bistro, fine dining, and retail.

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REDISTRICTING

Duncan signs off on compromise map but Craddick remains firm

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A Congressional redistricting map may have moved a step closer to approval Wednesday, as three conference committee senators announced they will support a map submitted by state Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth, R-Burleson.

In turn, House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, made his position on the map very clear.

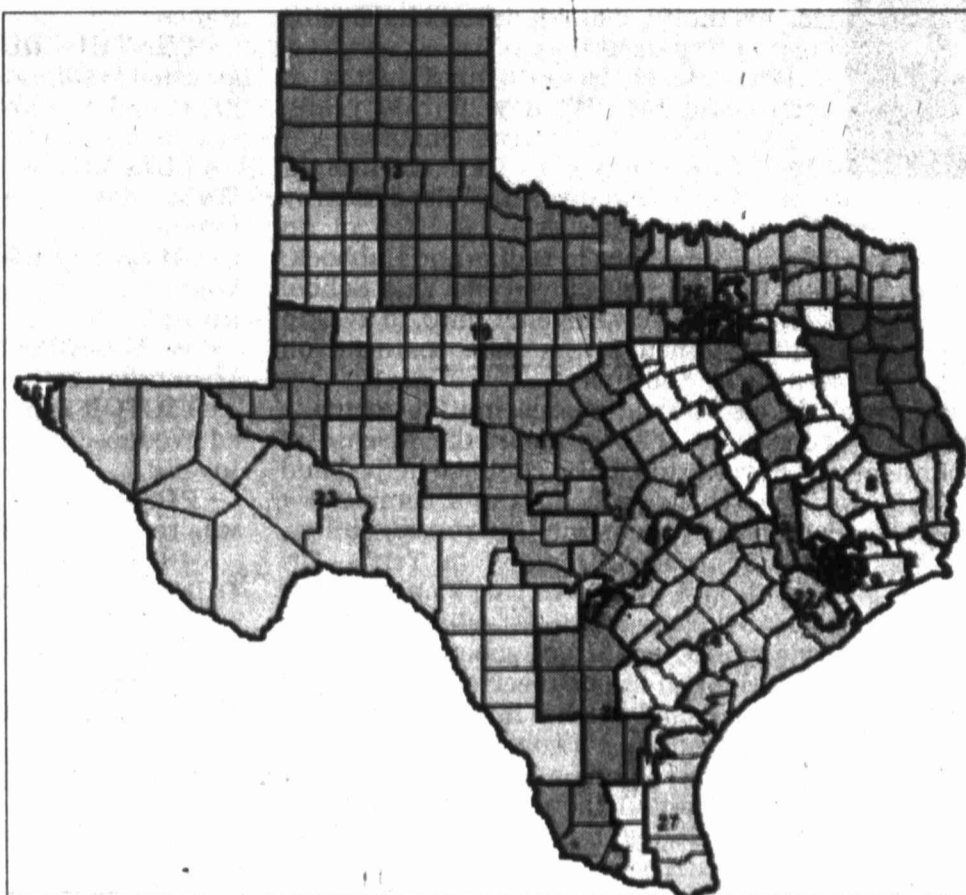


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"It is not a map that the Speaker would support," said Bob Richter, Craddick's press secretary.

Craddick said Wohlgemuth's part in redistricting has been minimal at best, and said her map doesn't represent what he sees as the state's best interests. "Rep. Wohlgemuth is not a member of the House Redistricting Committee, has not participated to date in the House-Senate negotiations on redistricting, and did not speak to me or for me — or the House

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State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, said Wednesday he could approve the compromise redistricting map above. The map places Big Spring in District 19 with Lubbock and San Angelo. District 11 would include Abilene and the Midland-Odessa area. House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, says he won't accept the map.

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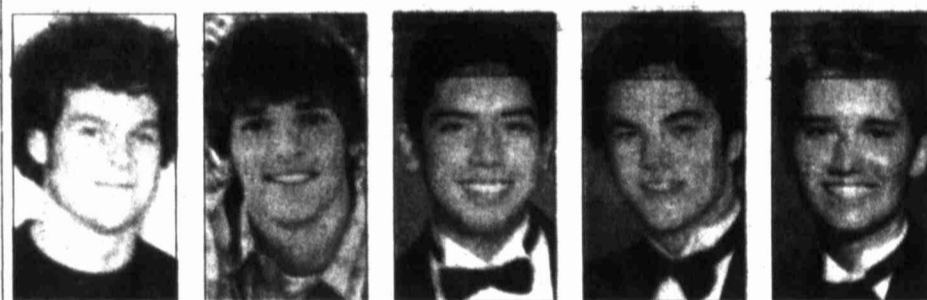
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BSHS students, alumni ready for homecoming

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Paint the streets black and gold — Big Spring High School exes are making their way back to the Spring City for Homecoming 2003.

Today, the community is invited to participate in the annual bonfire at 8 p.m. at the Big Spring compost site located at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. On Friday a second community pep rally will be held at 1:55 p.m. in Steer Gym, 707 E. 11th Place.

Following Friday's rally, the homecoming parade, featuring class floats and led off by the BSHS marching band, will begin at 4:30 p.m. on the corner of 10th and Main streets.

The 10 homecoming queen and king finalists chosen in an election Tuesday will head up the parade.

Those finalists are David Brooks, Lauren Chesworth, Kyle

Bonfire, parade, ballgame, class reunions part of big celebration.

Flenniken, Brandon Herrera, Coley Hollandsworth, Whitney Hufford, Ka'Rissa Magers, Andrea Torres, Zack Watkins and Kristine Vassar.

The homecoming queen and king will be crowned Friday night during halftime of the Steers football game against the San Angelo Central Bobcats.

Before the game, Donna McDaniel Wennik from the Class of 1973 will be crowned the Coming Home Queen.

Following the game, a reception for all BSHS exes will be held in the Fireplace Room at the Howard College Student Union Building.

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Roswell acknowledges community's support for VA Medical Center

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Department of Veterans Affairs Undersecretary for Health Dr. Robert H. Roswell acknowledges the community's strong support of the Big Spring VA Medical Center and reaffirms his commitment to the CARES process in a letter sent to the *Big Spring Herald*.

"I appreciate the concerns expressed by your readers and the community and I want to reiterate the draft CARES (Capital Assessment for Realigned Enhanced Services) plan calls for a feasibility study at the Big Spring VAMC," Roswell said in a letter to the *Herald's* managing editor received Wednesday afternoon.

Roswell's office was responsible for inserting a recommendation in the CARES national draft plan to study shifting veteran's health care from the Big Spring facility to the Midland/Odessa area.

Also recommended in the plan, which is charged with realigning the DVA's medical services, is a study to build a nursing home in the Midland/Odessa area. If all recommendations were enacted, the move would mean the closure of the Big Spring VA hospital — a possibility that has caused much concern in the Big Spring community.

In the letter, Roswell acknowledges the community's response.

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Roswell letter

DEAR EDITOR:

I have noted with much interest the numerous letters from your readers and frequent articles regarding the Big Spring VA Medical Center (VAMC).

Recently, I personally met with Congressman Randy Neugebauer, Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn, County Commissioner Bill Crooker and Mayor Russ McEwen. I found this meeting to be very informative and learned first hand of the fine care veterans from as far away as Abilene and San Angelo receive at the Big Spring VA Medical Center. I was also extremely pleased by the clear strong community support for the medical center.

Additionally, I understand the Big Spring community made a large showing at the recent CARES Commission hearing on Sept. 18 in El

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Spring VA Medical Center," he wrote.

Roswell goes on to emphasize the fundamental goal of the CARES process.

"Nationally, VA's overall goal is to expand health care services to more veterans in more locations — shift care where it is most needed and, at the same

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Covenant exits local clinic; 40 lose jobs, most are rehired

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

As of Wednesday, physicians under the umbrella of Covenant Health Care System officially went into private practice.

"Yesterday, Covenant Medical Group (C&G) discontinued providing physician services," said Clinic Director Penny Phillips. "The majority of the physicians began private practice. Basically all medical records, X-rays — those type things — will remain in Big Spring through

Nov. 30. After that time, people can get them from C&G in Lubbock."

The change in ownership did cause layoffs, Phillips said.

"Forty-four employees were laid off, but to my knowledge, all but about 12 of those layoffs started a new job yesterday — either with these new private physicians or with Scenic Mountain Medical Center," she said.

Private physicians and those

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Odyssey Hospice to sponsor blood drive Friday in Big Spring

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A critical need for blood in the West Texas area is prompting some area hospitals to postpone surgeries, according to Lee Hartmann, executive associate director of United Blood Services of Midland.

"What's happened is for the last several weeks our blood donations have been far off of what we've projected and our usage has been very high," said Hartmann. "We're now in a situation that some hospitals are having to postpone surgeries and

some of those are not elective surgeries."

To help, Odyssey Hospice HealthCare Inc. is holding a blood drive on its premises, 1003 E. FM 700, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

"We'll be serving refreshments and have door prizes," said Rhea Fryar-Calvert, Odyssey's community education representative. "UBS will be giving out T-shirts to everyone who donates."

Anyone planning to donate should call for an appointment at

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Obituaries

Searcy R. Whaley



Searcy R. Whaley died Sept. 30, 2003, at age 93, after a life of significant joy and service to others.

"Trust God, clean house, help others" was his motto... "and it doesn't have to be done in that order!"

Born March 30, 1910, in Funston to James and Etta Whaley. For 57 years, Searcy was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). In 1948, at the insistence of AA's co-founder Bill Wilson, Searcy attended and graduated from the Yale School on Alcohol Studies. He came back to Dallas and Lubbock. Soon thereafter, Dr. Jellinek moved the Yale School on Alcohol Studies from New Haven, Conn., to TCU in Fort Worth and renamed it the Yale Institute on Alcohol Studies in the Southwest.

Searcy was hired as field representative to make talks to churches and schools about the disease of alcoholism and how the alcoholic could be helped and that they were worth helping. It was a community problem and therefore a community responsibility. This was a new approach for many in Texas. Dr. Jellinek became ill and unable to carry on with the school studies. He asked Searcy to establish some hospitals where alcoholics could go, sober up, and be taken to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Beginning in 1949, Searcy established alcohol hospitals (the predecessor to today's drug and alcohol treatment centers) in Lubbock, Dallas, Houston and Carlsbad, N.M. Alcoholics were brought in there for one week and paid \$125, which included their doctors, hospital, nurses, and medications. They were taken to Alcoholics Anonymous and 75 percent of them stayed sober.

Searcy later became a staff member of the Yale Institute on Alcohol Studies in the Southwest at TCU in Fort Worth. He continued his alcoholism educational work from that time until the day he died, traveling internationally to spread the message of hope and recovery from alcoholism.

Searcy is survived by his loving wife Margaret — one of the earliest al-anon family group members; nephew Jim Bettle and wife Deborah of Delaware; nephew Dick Bettle and wife Liz of Texas; niece Kay Baird and husband Curtis of Texas; niece Doris Jean and husband Gene of California; and brother-in-law Clayton and wife Alta Mae Bettle of Texas.

A viewing will be held Friday, Oct. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sparkman/Hillcrest Funeral Home and a visitation on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in Grace Parlor, First Baptist Church of Dallas, followed by the funeral and celebration of Searcy's life at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church of Dallas. A reception will follow in Grace Parlor at the church. Graveside services will be Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2003, at 2 p.m., at Mount Hope Cemetery in Anson.

The family suggests donations be made in Searcy's name to the American Heart Association.

Paid obituary

Dillard "Dickie" White

Dillard "Dickie" White, 90, of Big Spring died Monday, Sept. 29, 2003, at his home following a short illness. Funeral Services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at Baker's Chapel, AME. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 7, 1913, at Bartlett, Texas. He came to Big Spring in 1936 from Bartlett to work at the cotton compress. He later worked for the Texas and Pacific Railroad until retiring. In addition to working for the railroad, he had also owned Northside Company, Dickie's Liquor, the 20-20 Bar, and later Behind the Green Door Bar. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

He is survived by his wife, Freddie Mae White of Big Spring; one daughter, Linda White Money of Big Spring; one son, Dickie Melton of Dodge City, Kan.; four grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-13-19-29-33.
Number matching five of five: 2.
Prize per winner: \$22,187.
Winning tickets sold in: Wharton, Rosenberg.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 14-23-26-33-38. Bonus Ball: 42.
Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 1.
Prize: \$10 million.
Winning ticket(s) sold in: Winters.
Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$4 million.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-1-6

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Wednesday until 8 a.m. today:

- **PETE BAEZA**, 36, of 704 San Jacinto, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of a controlled substance.
- **CYNTHIA DUTCHOVER**, 38, of 1205 Lamar, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of a controlled substance.
- **LUIS VILLA**, 38, of 1208 Blackmon, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **JESSIE LUGO**, 18, of Coahoma, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ROY GARCIA**, 43, of 511 Abrams, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for assault/family violence.
- **VICTOR ZAPATA**, 29, of 1102 Johnson, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 100 block of Jones.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA UNDER TWO OUNCES** was reported in the 100 block of Jones.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Johnson.
 - in the 300 block of Owens.
 - in the 2300 block of Wasson.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1500 block of W. Fourth Street.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 4200 block of Calvin.
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2300 block of Tucson.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 80.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the area of Forsan High School. Deputies dispatched, complainant advised a computer was missing. Report taken.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO A VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of Denton. The owner of the vehicle was not present upon deputy's arrival and was advised to call back. Owner did call back, deputies responded. Incident report only at this time.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported near the 169 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Deputies responded, complainant advised his window had been shattered by a pellet or bullet. The area was checked, deputies were unable to locate the source.
- **WANTED PERSON** was reported in the 200 block of Owens. Deputies were advised there was a wanted person at the parole office, arrest made.

Take note

□ **THE TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION IN HOWARD COUNTY** is offering a food manager certification training course. This two-day program will be offered on Nov. 12-13 at the Howard County Library. Classes will start at 8 a.m. on each day. You must register before Oct. 21. The cost is \$79 and includes training, materials, and the safe food manager certification examination. This program is designed to not only prepare food-service managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied. Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential.

□ **A FUND HAS BEEN** set up to help defray medical costs for Heidrun Meiser who underwent cancer surgery. The account is at American State Bank, P.O. Box 271, Big Spring 79720. The bank's physical address is 1411 Gregg.

□ **A FUND HAS BEEN** established at Wells Fargo bank to help defray medical costs of Carl Newell of Big Spring. While undergoing neck surgery, it was discovered that Newell has Hepatitis C. Funds are needed for tests and treatment. Newell has no insurance and is unable to work.

□ **A CANCER FUND HAS** been set up at First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, in Big Spring for long-time Forsan resident Clarence Williams.

□ **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY
Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, 7 a.m. Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E FM 700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

West Texas Republican Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road. Special guest speaker will be Tony Massaro, President of the San Angelo chapter of Pachyderms.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Arts, Crafts & Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

FRIDAY
Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

AMBUCS, noon, La Posada, 206 NW Fourth St.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center Country & Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., 1901 Simler. All area seniors or invited.

SATURDAY
Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

SUNDAY
Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

MONDAY
Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 NW Fourth Street.

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. People age 50 and older are invited to participate, 268-4721.

TUESDAY
Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

"A Fine Night of Italian Cuisine," sponsored by Odyssey Healthcare, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church. Odyssey Healthcare caregivers past and present are invited to the dinner.

WEDNESDAY
Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle Stretch & Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph..Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. Highs in the upper 60s.

Monday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms.Lows in the lower 50s. Highs around 70.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. Highs in the lower 70s.

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time expand availability to more veterans," he wrote.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, who has been leading the fight to keep the Big Spring facility from closing, found the letter to be positive.

"This letter shows an interest in what we're doing," McEwen said.

According to Roswell, McEwen, who sat on the regional CARES committee meetings, has been invited to become "an active participant in the study."

"Although I have not received any confirmation that I'm going to be on that feasibility

study team, I was glad to see that in the letter because that give us the opportunity to have input and make sure all the information is put before the committee," the mayor said.

McEwen was part of a small Big Spring delegation to meet personally with Roswell in a meeting arranged by U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, who has led the effort in Washington to keep the Big Spring VA open.

"I found this meeting to be very informative and learned first hand of the fine care veterans from as far away as Abilene and San Angelo receive at the Big Spring VA Medical Center," Roswell's letter continued.

During the meeting, Roswell

stated the reason behind his office's recommendation was derived from an imbalance in the veteran population in the Midland/Odessa area compared to Howard County, McEwen said following that trip.

McEwen was able to present data to the undersecretary showing 57 percent of the veterans live east of Big Spring and he hopes being on the committee will help to ensure all the data will be considered.

"I've never been concerned about making our case based on accurate data," McEwen said. "Our greatest concern is that if improper data was used, the feasibility study might show that a different location would be better. Based on all the data we know about, we're going to be in good shape."

Both Sens. John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison, who have already voiced support and commitment to the Big Spring VA Hospital and attended the meeting with Roswell, responded to the letter by restating their support.

"I fully understand the need for the VA to direct — and if need be redirect — our nation's resources to best serve the interests of America's veterans," Cornyn said. "But I also believe that the health care services provided at the Big Spring VA facility are critical to all West Texas veterans."

The CARES Commission will continue to take comments on the issue until Tuesday, Oct. 7. "The CARES Commissioners and VA have, and will continue to, listen to the views and opin-

ions of your congressional representatives, local officials, employees at Big Spring VAMC and most importantly the community's veterans," Roswell said. "Your voices are being heard."

The public can view the CARES draft plan in its entirety, as well as make comments, at the commission's web site. Comments can also be sent to the CARES Commission e-mail address at carescommission@mail.va.gov or send by mail to the Department of Veterans Affairs (00CARES), 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20420.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

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Paso. In fact, three-quarters of the audience was from the Big Spring area, which certainly demonstrates the high interest in veterans' health care and the positive impact the Big Spring VAMC has had on the community.

I appreciate the concerns expressed by your readers and the community and I want to reiterate that the draft

CARES plan calls for a feasibility study at the Big Spring VAMC. In fact, Mayor McEwen was invited to be an active participant in the study. Once completed, this study will give VA information to make the best decisions to meet veterans' health care needs effectively and efficiently during the next 20 years.

The CARES commissioners and VA have, and will continue to, listen to the views and opinions of your congressional representatives, local officials,

employees at Big Spring VAMC and most importantly the community's veterans. Your voices are being heard.

Nationally, VA's overall goal is to expand health care service to more veterans in more locations—to shift care where it is most needed and, at the same time, expand availability to more veterans.

An important thing to remember about the CARES initiative is that no veterans are going to lose the health care regardless of the recommendations

of the feasibility study at Big Spring.

We owe it to the American people to use their tax dollars wisely in managing an efficient, effective health care system. But what is most important is fulfilling the debt we owe to our nation's veterans by maintaining a viable, modern, world-class health care system—one they can rely on now and in years to come.

SINCERELY,
ROBERT H. ROSWELL, MD

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1001 Birdwell. "Howard College treats the high school exes to this event," said Janice Bond, BSHS exes association. "Howard College has done this for many years."

Several alumni classes are holding reunions this weekend in conjunction with homecoming activities.

Below is a list of known class reunion activities for the weekend:

- Class of 1953, 50-year reunion. On Friday, class members are welcome to come to the First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, to help work on the float and memory books starting at 10 a.m. Registration begins Saturday morning at the Heritage Museum, 1601 Gregg St.

"We're doing something a little different," said Bond, a 1953 class member. "At noon Saturday, we're

going to all pile in cars and eat at the Wagon Wheel for lunch out of nostalgia for the old drive-ins. We're going to have hamburgers and french fries and just forget the dietary restrictions. We're also going to take a tour of Big Spring."

A banquet will be held on Saturday night and the cost is \$10 a person. Contact Bond to register for the dinner at 263-4033.

"We have 48 classmates expected to attend," Bond said. "We expect about 83 people and five former teachers to be at our banquet."

- Class of 1983, 20-year reunion. All members of the Class of 1983 are asked to meet at the football game. After the game, 1983 BSHS alumni and guests are invited to a reception in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

On Saturday, the class will host a family reception in the high school library from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A party will be held at 7 p.m. for class

members and guests at the East Room.

Each class member is asked to donate \$25 to cover the cost of activities.

- Class of 1964, 39-year reunion. Classmates will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Shrine Building, 101 Goliad.

- Class of 1978, 25-year reunion. A reception will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park. A dance will follow from 8 p.m. to midnight.

- Class of 1988, 15-year reunion. Late lunch/early dinner reception will be held from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Al's Sportman's Club in Colorado City, 3300 Lake County Road 252. Cost is \$15 per person. Contact Jennifer Poe at jpoe@hallettperin.com or 972-691-2736 to RSVP.

Also holding class reunions are the Class of 1963 and the combined reunion of the classes of 1947-1951.

DRIVE

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263-5999. Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, be at least 17 years old, in general good health, know names of all medication and present an identification such as a driver's license or donor card.

According to Hartmann, the blood shortage is a national problem, but with recent media coverage, donations have seemed to increase.

"We are encouraged," Hartmann said. "Our phones are ringing. We have individual people scheduling appointments and businesses scheduling blood drives, so we're optimistic."

Hartmann estimates UBS needs to collect from 50 to 60 pints of blood per day for about three weeks to help fill the void.

"We're really supposed to be collecting that on a daily basis, so that just means we'll be getting back on track again. If we don't, we'll face this situation again in November," Hartmann

said. Several blood drives have been scheduled in Big Spring for the month of October. They are:

- Wal-Mart, 201 W. Marcy, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, Rotary Park, 208 Main, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 24.
- Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 29.

Individuals can also make an appointment and donate at the UBS Midland Blood Service Donor Center located at Loop 250 and Midkiff Road. For an appointment call (432) 561-5539.

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MAP

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— in drawing her map," said Craddock.

The Wohlgenuth plan was filed in conjunction with the Republican congressional delegation. Under this plan, 01365C, Big Spring is in a district with San Angelo and Lubbock in District 19; and Midland-Odessa are in a district with Abilene in District 11.

Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, said in a press conference Wednesday he is willing to accept a compromise on Congressional redistricting that will maintain a solid agriculture seat in the Texas delegation for the future. Duncan was joined at the press conference by conference committee chairman Sen. Todd Staples, R-Palestine, and Sen. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen.

"This plan keeps a seat for agriculture well past

the next two years. In fact, it will preserve a seat for agriculture through the next redistricting cycle in 2011, which is critical to my constituents in the Lubbock and San Angelo areas. It also creates an oil, gas and ranching district for Midland-Odessa and Abilene," Duncan said. "This is a win for everybody."

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said he hasn't had a chance to examine the new map as of this morning, but will base his decision solely on the needs of his district.

"I am coming to Austin today to study the various new maps," said Bivins. "I have not had a chance to study the Wohlgenuth map in great detail, so I am not ready to offer a comment about it specifically."

"When I am presented with a map to vote upon, my decision will be based solely upon what is best for the interests of the state senate district I represent."

Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker said he supports any measure that will keep Howard County in the same district as Lubbock. "That's fine with me," he said shortly after the new map

was announced. "I just feel we have more in common with Lubbock and San Angelo than we do with the Midland-Odessa area. I really like Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, and I really think he has an appreciation of our community. I'd like to see us remain in his district."

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said early this morning that the new map represents a step in the right direction not only for Big Spring's lot in redistricting, but for West Texas as a whole.

"I have no problem at all with this map," said McEwen. "I think this is a good compromise, and it keeps two seated congressmen from having to go head to head in an election."

"I would love to see this map pass. I think it's a good compromise. I just hope the Republicans can get their heads together now and get this completed."

Although Wednesday's announcement only represents approval from three of the 10 members of the conference committee, Crooker said it should be viewed as a step in the right direction. "It's been a long tussle to even get this far with redistricting," he

said. "I'm very glad to see it."

Duncan said the voters of his district, Senate District 28, have overwhelmingly supported the current lines, but they have expressed that they are open to a fairly negotiated solution.

"To get this issue resolved, I believe this is a reasonable solution," Duncan said. "I met many times with the people of Senate District 28, and although their preference would have been no change to the Congressional lines, I believe this is a plan they will accept. Also, the Speaker's desire for an oil and gas seat is met."

The committee took over in the redistricting battle last week, as the joint House-Senate tries to hammer out major differences over the way West Texas lines will be drawn.

CLINIC

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under contract with SMMC will continue to be housed in the Malone and Hogan clinic building, 1501 W. 11th Place.

The Texas Workforce Network held orientation Wednesday for both the people laid off from Covenant and the earlier layoffs from the Big Spring State Hospital.

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OUR VIEWS

Homecoming: There's really nothing like it

There's a special feeling in the air — one of pageantry, tradition, pride, spirit. It's homecoming in Big Spring and that's a time to treasure. This weekend, memories will be rekindled and memories will be made.

Welcome exes! Whether you reside in Big Spring or have traveled "home" to be here, this is your special time. It's a time to greet old friends, classmates, and teachers. A time to reminisce and think about those days when you were attending Big Spring High School.

It's also a special time for current students, especially you seniors. These are memories you will carry with you the rest of your lives.

A significant percentage of our lives is spent in classrooms getting an education. With it comes the camaraderie of being with other students, meeting in the library, making spirit signs, cheering the team on, spiking the volleyball or getting a base hit, scoring a touchdown, playing in the band, taking a role in a one-act play, serving on the student council, participating in a club, singing in the choir, cramming for a test late at night. Those are things you never forget. Some of you will remember with tears, some with laughter. But you will remember them. And as the years move on, they take on even more special significance.

Some of those memories will be made today with the bonfire that begins at 8 p.m. at the compost facility. Then there are Friday's activities: The 1:55 p.m. pep rally in Steer Gym, the 4:30 p.m. downtown parade and the 7:30 p.m. game with San Angelo Central's Bobcats at Memorial Stadium along with its traditional halftime homecoming pageantry.

On Saturday, there will be get-togethers by a number of classes.

Whether you are a BSHS alum or not, this is a fun week in Big Spring. So join us in kicking up your heels a little. Join us at Memorial Stadium on Friday night to cheer the Steers on to a win!

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When our life malfunctions, Lord, may we repair it through our prayers.

Amen

Citizen Bustamante a good democrat

For Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, there apparently is no such thing as illegal immigration.

Asked at last Wednesday night's gubernatorial debate how much he would spend on health care for the children of illegal immigrants, Bustamante gave no dollar amount, of course. But he was clear on this: He does not believe the state should distinguish between legal and illegal immigrants.

Bustamante has said as much before. Asked twice at a Walnut Creek Town Hall meeting what government services he believes the state should deny to illegal immigrants, Bustamante failed to name a single program or service.

The lieutenant governor supports the bill signed by Gov. Gray Davis that allows illegal immigrants to obtain driver's licenses without undergoing the kind of background check needed to immigrate here legally. (Republicans Arnold Schwarzenegger and state Sen. Tom McClintock oppose the law, as it rewards those who flout federal law.)

When asked if he saw a distinction between legal and illegal immigrants earlier this month, Bustamante told reporters, "I think that anybody who works and pays taxes ought to have a right to citizenship."

U.S. citizenship is a right for non-Americans who break the law.

In Bustamante World, illegal immigrants should pay no penalty whatsoever. Au contraire, they should be rewarded with documents, tuition discounts and health care.

As for Californians who believe in enforcing immigration law — well, their beliefs get no respect. To call for any limits on immigration, or any enforcement of immigration law, is to be anti-immigrant. Read: racist.

It doesn't matter when Gabriel Gomez, a third-generation Mexican American, tells the L.A. Times that his trade as a plumber is suffering. "When you get illegals doing the job for half the price, you can't compete," Gomez explained, adding that if there were fewer immigrants, "it would give opportunities for those of us who really deserve them."

It doesn't matter when American inner-city children fall behind in reading as they share classrooms with students who are learning a new language.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Hurray for Big Spring!

My husband and I had the privilege of making the trip to El Paso to attend the CARES committee hearing. Thank you Debbye Valverde and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce for providing the free bus ride. Many of the people who rode the bus were not "big businessmen." They were small business owners or managers, city councilmen, veterans and the ladies auxiliary from the Big Spring VA and they made the trip at their own expense. You are all to be commended for your commitment to the welfare of our community.

The hearing was very interesting and our mayor, Russ McEwen, did a wonderful job presenting our case to keep the hospital in Big Spring. I have never been prouder of being from Big Spring as I was when I left the hearing.

If Big Spring closes the VA hospital, the impact on this community and the local veterans will be devastating. If you do not think this issue affects you personally, you are wrong.

If the VA closes this hospital, the only jobs lost won't be the jobs at the hospital. Small businesses may be forced to close. Local restaurants may close. The local schools will lose enrollment and that means funding will be lost, and that equates to lost jobs.

If you haven't already gotten involved in this fight, I urge you to do so. We not only need the VA to remain in Big Spring, we need the VA to expand its services in Big Spring.

BONNIE MILLER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

How good it was to open the Sunday paper and read on the front page all the good things that are happening in our community.

Alzheimer's Memory Walk was truly a success. There were so many children from our community there. These are our leaders of tomorrow and they are starting out in the right way by taking part in community activities that help everyone. There was a lot of friendly rivalry among the medical community. These medical professionals gave of their time to collect money after they had spent hours at their jobs taking care of their patients. They see the effects on the families when they have a loved one decline with Alzheimer's.

We then had the Vietnam Memorial service. How can we ever forget these brave people that served our nation. Mr. Boling and his committee do a wonderful job seeing that we don't forget these brave men and women.

Then came Relay for Life earning No. 1 again. This is something that everyone works hard on year around. Some towns are put on the map for Relay and the community that stands behind it. What is so impressive is the growing number of survivors that take part each year with the survivors walk. You helped make it possible with your donations and time. These people wouldn't be here without research that comes from our money. Children play a big part in this also with their

Links for Cure, which was started between the Howard and Glasscock schools.

There are a lot positive things going on in Big Spring and a lot of ways for everyone to volunteer in some way, whether it is with money or your time.

We all need to thank Caren Carruth, Nancy Jones, Don Boling, Diane Wood and Phyllis and Jeff Turney and all the other citizens that make all these things worth while and work, and keep Big Spring on the map as a caring place to live, work and volunteer in.

And on Page 2, there are three funds set for individuals that need our help. Some day it might be your family or mine that needs help. No one can ever say we don't help in Big Spring.

SHERRY HODNETT
VINCENT

TO THE EDITOR:

I am very thankful for the American Cancer Society and the money that they raise for research, educational and patient assistance programs.

Glasscock and Howard Counties seem to be doing a lot.

But I pray that someday they will find a cure for cancer, that you get it from living in the oil field. We lived in the oil field at Lee's Community. Our old house was in a low place and had wells and two tanks on each side of the house. My bedroom was very close to a well and two tanks.

You could smell the poison gas from the well and tank all the time in the house and outside. While growing up I helped pump the wells that my father was pumping.

I lived in the oil field from age 5 until I married and went back often to visit my parents. Now when I am very ill and have an upset stomach, I can smell the oil field and have been away from it for many years.

I have pain and have had pain in my bones, especially on the left side, for many years. But now it is more painful and I fall sometimes.

I am thankful that I have hospitalization insurance but I get very little response from doctors or medical staff about my bones and pain. Maybe someday scientists will find a cure or treatment for this.

SUE ELLEN WHITE-HOWELL
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to commend the Howard County Sheriff's Department for doing such an outstanding job of protecting the county's residents.

Over the past three years, my family has been the target of threats and harassment by a family member. This was a very trying time for us, but Sheriff Walker and his deputies have done everything possible to ensure our safety. Sheriff Walker took a personal interest in our welfare and was even able to put a stop to the harassment. Our neighborhood was patrolled several times a day. The deputies were sympathetic and truly understood our concern for our family.

Recently my son became very ill and I had to call 911 for an ambulance. Within three minutes there

It doesn't matter if Los Angeles County is cutting back on health services because of the high cost of treating illegal immigrants.

It doesn't matter that California government is bleeding. (Trying to accumulate numbers on the cost of illegal immigration, the Pacific Research Institute found a legislative analyst's office estimate that taxpayers spent half a billion dollars on health care for illegals last year.)

It makes no difference that the Cruzinator supported the law awarding in-state tuition breaks for illegal immigrant students. Bustamante still feels free to rail against tuition hikes at California universities and colleges.

Bustamante is a good California Democrat. He is a happy booster of the party's new religion. It's a demanding orthodoxy. No facts matter. No limitations apply. No one is allowed to say that the positive benefits of immigration are diminished when there is too much immigration — especially illegal immigration.

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were three sheriff's deputies in my living room doing everything they could to help. One deputy even offered to stay at my home with my other two children until I could get someone else there to care for them.

It is a comfort to my family to have such a committed law enforcement agency looking out for us.

LISA EMERSON
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am Bob Garner, membership director of the Texas chapter LST Association. We are trying to find shipmates in your area for coming reunions. These men served in the amphibious forces of the U.S. Navy.

We want to say thanks for the help you have given us in the past. We could not have accomplished what we have without your help. The shipmates sure appreciate it.

The next reunion will be held in Kerrville, on Oct. 23-25.

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BOB GARNER
HEMPHILL

TO THE EDITOR:

Big Spring is a cleaner and safer place to live, thanks to you and the many others who recently volunteered for local activities during Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup.

Known as the nation's largest annual community improvement program, the Great American Cleanup is Keep America Beautiful in action. As Keep America Beautiful celebrates its 50th anniversary of improving communities nationwide this year, I'm especially proud to report these accomplishments of our 2003 Great American Cleanup.

Talk about strength in numbers! A total of 2.3 million Americans logged more than 7 million hours to improve communities from coast to coast. Some of your results include: 148 million pounds of litter and debris collected; 918,000 tires collected for recycling; 148,000 acres of parks cleaned; 95,000 miles of roads, streets and highways cleaned; 3,500 illegal dumpsites cleaned; and more than 1 million flowers, bulbs and trees planted.

We could not have accomplished these incredible feats without Big Spring's wonderful volunteers!

Thank you again for your efforts to help keep America beautiful.

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TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for the Teacher's Guide which you have given us.

Teachers are important agents for change. Good teachers help to build a better world. They deserve our support. This guide with their pictures helps us to know who these dedicated people are who serve faithfully each day. We are indebted to them and to you for this splendid contribution to our community.

NANCY SEMOINS PATRICK
BIG SPRING

Wonderful
pork chops

Reminiscent of seasoned pork and this rich sauce balance to flavor chops. Try "Pork Chops with Cherry Port Sauce" of "Your Organ" (Rodale) by Jess. Pork chops are a native for people bored and unimpressed with old standbys of steak. And the sauce is guaranteed to be a cold January day.

Pork Chops With Cherry Port Sauce
Makes 4 servings

For a change, try over smoked pork ham steak.

- 3 whole clove
- 3 spoon ground clove
- 3 whole black
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cinnamon
- 11/2 cups dried
- 1 cup ruby port
- 1 cup water
- 3 tablespoons



A new migraine a give doctors the

'MAP' chart

(WMS) — Like the 28 million Americans who suffer from migraines, I struggled for find relief from "Since I was years old, I severe, incurable migraines that with almost every did," says Angeline mother in thirties from San Antonio. She took medication headaches would come back, even worse than the attack. Nothing to provide relief.

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Wonderful, flavorfully balanced pork chops with cherry port sauce

Reminiscent of the old-fashioned pork and cherry glaze, this rich sauce is a delicious balance to flavorful pork chops. Try "Pork Chops With Cherry Port Sauce," courtesy of "Your Organic Kitchen" (Rodale) by Jesse Ziff Cool. Pork chops are a nice alternative for people who are bored and uninspired by the old standbys of chicken and steak. And the sweet sauce is guaranteed to boost spirits on a cold January day.

Pork Chops With Cherry Port Sauce
Makes 4 servings

For a change, try the sauce over smoked pork chops or even ham steak.

- 3 whole cloves or 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 3 whole black peppercorns
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 1/2 cups dried cherries
- 1 cup ruby port
- 1 cup water
- 3 tablespoons brown

- sugar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 4 pork rib chops

Place the cloves, peppercorns, bay leaf and cinnamon stick in cheesecloth or a small gauze bag. Tie with kitchen twine to seal. Place in a medium saucepan along with the cherries, port, water, brown sugar and mustard. Bring to a boil over high heat.

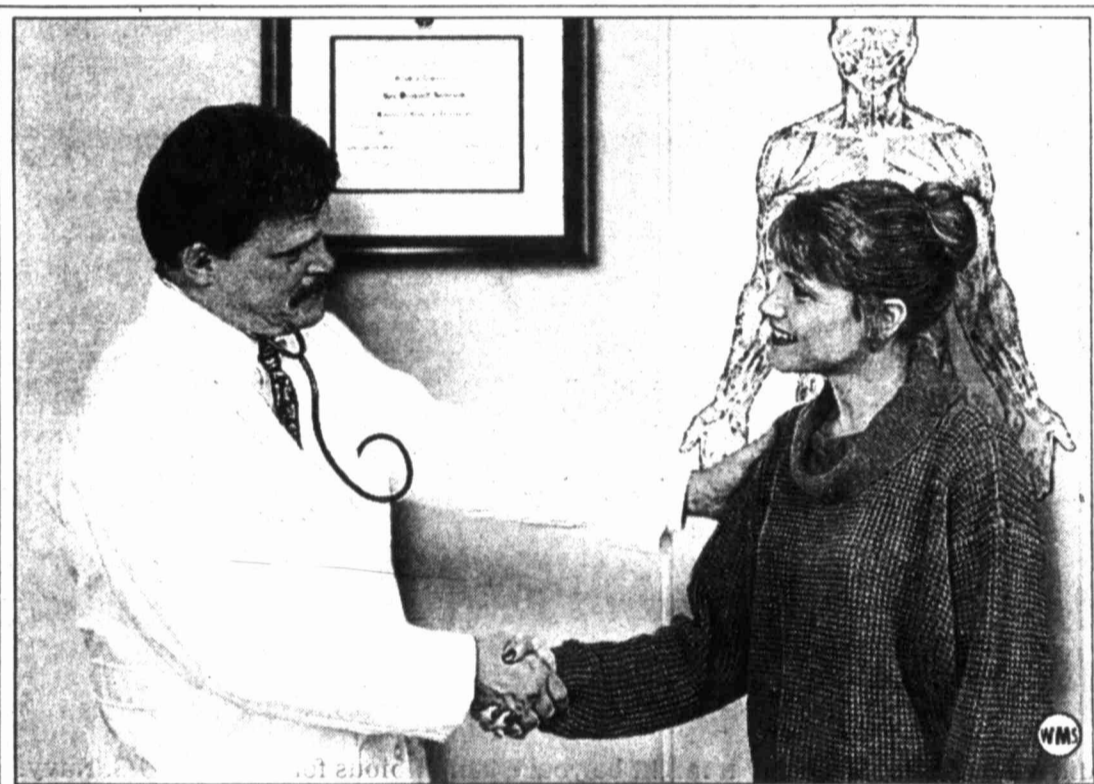
Reduce the heat to low and simmer for 1 hour or until the liquid is reduced by half and thickened slightly. Remove and discard the spice bag.

Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat.

Add the chops and cook for eight minutes, turning once or until a thermometer inserted in the center of a chop registers 160-F and the juices run clear. Serve with the sauce.



Get cozy and comfortable this season with a plate of "Pork Chops With Cherry Port Sauce."



A new migraine assessment tool from the National Headache Foundation helps sufferers give doctors the tools they need to develop the most effective course of treatment.

'MAP' helps migraine sufferers chart their way to better treatment

(WMS) — Like many of the 28 million Americans who experience migraines, Angie has struggled for years to find relief from her pain. "Since I was about 18 years old, I have had severe, incapacitating migraines that interfered with almost everything I did," says Angie, a working mother in her early thirties from St. Louis. "I took medication, but my headaches would often come back, sometimes even worse than the first attack. Nothing seemed to provide relief."

Migraine attacks are characterized by severe, even disabling pain, visual disturbances such as bright flashing lights or blind spots, and sensitivity to light and sound. Some people also experience feelings of exhaustion, muscle aches, food cravings, mood swings, nausea and vomiting in addition to the pain.

Now, a new assessment tool called the Migraine Attack Profile (MAP) is available from the National Headache

The Migraine Attack Profile facilitates patient communication about their headaches and subsequently simplifies the treatment decision.

Foundation (NHF) and allows migraine sufferers to map the duration of each of the three phases of their migraine attack — from pre-headache to migraine to post-headache. Although attacks can change over time, MAP can aid in the discovery of an overall migraine pattern, which

doctors analyze to select the most appropriate course of treatment. In other words, MAP helps patients communicate better with their doctors who in turn can develop a more strategic plan of attack against migraine pain.

"Over time, most people with migraine have many different types of attacks," says Timothy R. Smith, M.D., R.Ph., a headache specialist at Ryan Headache Center in St. Louis and one of the researchers involved in the development of MAP. "The real challenge is to choose a medication that's best suited to each particular attack. The Migraine Attack Profile facilitates patient communication about their headaches and subsequently simplifies the treatment decision."

Although many medica-

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A less complicated life

Most people wouldn't disagree that they would love to make their lives less complicated, more laid-back and just plain easier.

Sure, there is the Internet, e-mail, cell phones and other devices that we rely on for help. But, such technology often make things more difficult and complicated.

Here are some ideas for making your life a little bit easier.

- 1) Record all home information in one spot so you know where it is when you need it.
- 2) Keep a list of who to call when you need home repairs or maintenance.
- 3) Divide chores and responsibilities among all family members.
- 4) Eliminate clutter. Toss any junk that you don't need.
- 5) Plan your meals in advance, and stock up accordingly. Look for coupons and sales. Make one trip to the store

instead of three or four to save time. Shop at less popular times if possible.

6) If you are short on time, consider having work like landscaping and painting done for you rather than doing it yourself.

7) Make a place for items you use often such as keys or glasses.

8) Assemble outfits for yourself and the kids the night before to avoid

scrambling while getting ready for work and school.

9) Buy stamps at the supermarket, online, by phone or from post office vending machines to avoid waiting in line at the post office.

10) Organize your home with whiteboards. Hang one over the telephone for phone messages or one on the refrigerator for food shopping lists.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Westward expansion of the West Nile virus has prompted the government to look to California as the possible epicenter of next year's virus season.

Officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention believe the mosquito-borne illness will hit the West Coast hard next year, particularly California, said Dr. Lyle Petersen, acting director of the CDC's division of vector-borne diseases.

"If I had to make a guess, the biggest area of concern would be the Imperial Valley in Southern California," said Petersen, who spoke to reporters Wednesday at the University of California's Berkeley campus.

The West Nile virus has steadily moved westward and down the Eastern Seaboard since 1999 when it was found in New York City, the first time it was found in the Western Hemisphere.

Petersen said the CDC will be giving more money to California to improve virus surveillance and public education to prevent people from being infected.

The virus is passed to people by bites of mosquitoes that have fed on infected birds. Most often, it produces mild flu-like symptoms. In the most serious cases, it can induce a deadly inflammation of the brain.

HAMPSHIRE, Ill. (AP) — A tractor-trailer plowed into the back of a tour bus Wednesday afternoon, setting off a chain reaction crash that killed eight people on Interstate 90, state police said.

The dead were all members of an international women's group that had taken a daytrip from Chicago to Rockford, officials said.

Seven people were pronounced dead at the scene and 16 were taken to hospitals, police and fire officials said. One of those died at a hospital Wednesday night, according to state police trooper Doug Whitmore. At least six others were in critical condition.

Whitmore said traffic was slowed for a toll plaza when a tractor-trailer slammed into the back of the tour bus.

Whitmore said all the fatalities and most of the injuries were aboard the tour bus, which was operated by Leisure Pursuit Charters. Kevin Conroy, the company president, called the accident a tragedy, but said he had no details on it.

The bus was carrying 22 members of International Women Associates back to Chicago from a trip to a Japanese floral exhibit in Rockford, said the group's founder, Doe Thornburg. The group offers support for women from overseas and in the diplomatic field, she said.

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — The University of North Carolina will pay college costs for low-income students who work on-campus jobs in what is believed to be the nation's first such program.

The Carolina Covenant program, to start this fall, would require eligible students to work on campus 10 to 12 hours a week in a federal work-study job through their four years, UNC officials said Wednesday.

Federal and state grants now cover 65 percent of a student's need as determined through an application for financial aid, said Shirley Ort, UNC's director of scholarships and student aid. Under the program, UNC would pay the remaining 35 percent of a student's college costs provided they perform the work-study assignment, she said.

UNC-Chapel Hill is believed to be the first public university in the nation to outline such a policy, said David Ward, president of the American Council on Education, a Washington, D.C.-based membership organization of college presidents.

"There may be incidental student-by-student deci-

sions that may result in this outcome," Ward said. "But I don't think anybody has strategically packaged it so it's clear that it's available to everybody in a class."

WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are starting to push President Bush's \$87 billion Iraq-Afghanistan bill through the Senate, but pressure is building on the White House to make part of the Iraqi aid a loan.

By a 59-38 vote, the GOP-run Senate defeated a proposal by Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., to shrink the \$20.3 billion Bush wants for rebuilding Iraq to \$5.1 billion. The vote, in which nine Democrats sided with the president, was the first test of a package that Senate leaders hope to complete by mid-October.

Off the floor, administration officials and top House and Senate Republicans labored to tamp down efforts by their own rank and file, moderates and conservatives alike, to make at least part of the reconstruction money a loan.

"Given all the needs here in the United States, we have to sometimes draw lines, and that's one of them," said Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, a loan supporter.

The administration has said that if Iraq must repay the money, it would slow that country's recovery and feed a perception overseas that the United States was mainly interested in Iraq's vast oil reserves.

As a fallback, top Republicans were searching for a formula that would win votes from both grant and loan supporters.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI's first task in the investigation of a leak that disclosed the name of a CIA officer is to narrow the list of government officials who may have known her identity, a number that could be in the hundreds.

The FBI spent Wednesday assembling a team of experienced agents to handle the investigation, which probably will include interviews with senior members of President Bush's staff.

Investigators want to find out who leaked the name of a CIA officer married to former Ambassador Joseph C. Wilson, who had accused the Bush administration of manipulating intelligence to exaggerate the threat posed by Iraq. The officer's name, Valerie Plame, first appeared in a July 14 story by syndicated columnist Robert Novak, and she was identified later by Newsday as an undercover officer.

The White House reported no contact from investigators Wednesday, even as staffers combed through phone logs, e-mails and other documents to make sure potential evidence was preserved.

In Congress, Democrats and Republicans sparred over whether a special counsel should be appointed to investigate.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military investigators will scrutinize recordings of interrogations involving three arrested workers at the Guantanamo Bay prison camp for terrorist suspects, defense officials say.

Reviews of the questioning sessions will be part of a damage assessment that will try to answer several questions. Among them: Did al-Qaida and Taliban suspects at the high-security U.S. prison camp in Cuba pass messages to other terrorists still at large? If classified information was compromised, how much was leaked and to whom? Were any of the suspects working together? And are there more?

Interrogations that involved the accused men will be examined for possible biases, military officials say. Some of the sessions were taped, and those tapes will be reviewed to see if translators omitted or changed what the prisoners said, or passed messages to the inmates. Records of other sessions will be reviewed for similar clues.

One intelligence official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said any damage done would be minimal because the prisoners had been grilled for up to a year or more before the accused men started working at Guantanamo Bay.

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tions are available to treat migraines, finding the right one isn't always easy.

"Each medication has advantages and disadvantages that need to be evaluated based on the individual patient," says Smith. "For example, if the patient's attacks tend to start slowly but progress throughout the day, a drug with longer-lasting effects may be a more suitable option than one that begins to work faster but stops working sooner."

For Angie, completing the profile made a big difference in her life. "Even though I've had migraines for years, it wasn't until I started using MAP that I realized how long the headaches lasted. My doctor noticed a recurring pattern and determined that a long-lasting therapy would work best for me. Now I finally have the relief I need."

According to Suzanne Simons, executive director of the NHF, tools such as MAP play a crucial

role in headache management. "Anytime patients can actively partner with their healthcare providers, they improve their chances of finding a successful treatment outcome," she says.

In addition to using MAP, the NHF offers the following migraine management tips:

Seek expert help. Find out if your doctor has experience treating migraine, or consider seeing a headache specialist

or a neurologist.

Learn all you can about headaches. Take advantage of the free resources at the NHF to help you better communicate with your healthcare provider.

Be open and honest. Tell your healthcare provider every detail of your headaches, symptoms and how they impact your life.

Ask questions. Don't leave the office until you understand all your treatment options so you and

your doctor can agree on realistic treatment expectations.

Follow up regularly. Track your treatment progress with a headache calendar, and be prepared to discuss it during your next visit.

For more information about headaches and to get a free copy of the Migraine Attack Profile, contact the National Headache Foundation at (888) NHF-5552 or visit www.headaches.org.

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Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic regrets to announce the discontinuation of physician services beginning October 1, 2003. However, the physicians listed below will remain in the Clinic building and will begin new private practices. These physicians may be reached at the direct telephone numbers listed below. Please begin using these new telephone numbers on October 1.

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Beginning October 1, 2003, questions regarding services billed by Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic should be directed to 1-800-687-2111.

Covenant Laboratory - Big Spring, located on the third floor of the Clinic, remains open and available to all patients. The laboratory may continue to be reached at (432) 267-6361.

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New questions emerge
about Schwarzenegger's
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — As Arnold Schwarzenegger prepared to capitalize on his lead in polls with a state bus tour, fresh allegations surfaced that he sexually harassed women in the past.

Six women accused the Republican actor in interviews with the Los Angeles Times of groping them on movie sets and in other settings over the last three decades, the newspaper reported in Thursday editions.

Schwarzenegger spokesman Sean Walsh denied the allegations in comments to the Times, saying the actor had not engaged in improper conduct toward women. Walsh said the claims were a political attack in the days leading up to the Oct. 7 recall election.

"We believe Democrats and others are using this to try to hurt Arnold Schwarzenegger's campaign," Walsh said. "We believe that this is com-

ing so close, before the election, something that discourages good, hard-working, decent people from running for office."

The allegations come as momentum has been building for the Schwarzenegger camp, with a new poll showing the actor leading.

In a show of confidence Wednesday, Schwarzenegger offered a short blueprint for his first 100 days in office, repeating promises to repeal the tripling of the state car tax, have the state budget audited and call a special legislative session to deal with spending cuts.

"We are ready to take office," he told a crowd of about 400 supporters. "We are ready to take action. We are ready to return California to the people."

Gov. Gray Davis' campaign spokesman, Peter Ragone, countered that it was a mistake for Schwarzenegger to "start measuring the drapes in the offices of the Capitol."

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Texas quarterback duo excels for No. 13 Longhorns

AUSTIN (AP) — Combination. Rotation. Collaboration.

Call the Texas quarterback duo of Chance Mock and Vince Young what you want. Just don't call it a controversy.

At a school where having two good quarterbacks was as much a curse as a blessing in recent years, Mock and Young have run the Longhorns' offense to near perfection in recent weeks. The new two-player tandem is keeping everyone happy so far.

"We like the 1-2 punch they give us," said coach Mack Brown, who plans to use both

players Saturday against No. 16 Kansas State (4-1) in the Big 12 opener for both teams.

Mock is the starter. He's the experienced junior who brings leadership to the huddle with a strong arm and a solid understanding of the passing game.

Young is the electrifying freshman whose speed and long stride built into a 6-foot-5, 220-pound frame allows him to scramble past tacklers and keeps defenses off balance with the threat to run.

"It's a change-up," Mock said. "The coaches have used it very

well."

The 13th-ranked Longhorns (3-1) lead the nation in scoring at 51.3 points per game, and have twice topped 60 points.

Given Texas' recent history with Major Applewhite and Chris Simms and the controversy that erupted among fans over those two, there were questions about whether the Mock and Young scenario would blow up in similar fashion.

It's worked so far, largely because the two players are friends. It also helped that Mock played well in Texas' 38-28 loss to

Arkansas, although some fans complained that Young didn't take a snap.

After the season-opening win over New Mexico State when Mock was good and Young looked great in mop-up duty, the pair met with reporters together, a show of solidarity to shoot down any hint of controversy.

"As a player, you worry. You're not sure how things are going to work out," Mock said.

"It starts with the family deal," Mock said. "When he's on the field, I'm his best friend. And

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers Booster Club to meet Oct. 8

The Big Spring Lady Steers' Booster Club is scheduled to meet Oct. 8 in the BSHS Athletic Training Facility.

The meeting, which will start at 6 p.m., is open to the parents of all volleyball, cheerleading, basketball and track athletes.

Dixon readies for career at Memphis

Ashley Dixon, the granddaughter of former Big Spring basketball player Leroy LeFevre and Zira Bednar of Big Spring, will begin her basketball career at Memphis this coming fall.

A member of last year's All-Arkansas Team, Dixon averaged 26.2 points a game for Pulaski Academy. She was voted one of the top five guards in the state.

Basketball boosters to hold fish fry

Big Spring Steers Basketball Boosters will be holding a Fish Fry on Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church Annex. The meal will include hand-breaded catfish, fries, salad, dessert and a drink for \$7 per adult and \$4 for children.

Call in orders are available. Delivery orders can be made by calling 267-4602 or 466-1998 on the day of the event.

YMCA swim team spots available

The Big Spring Family YMCA swim team has positions open for interested athletes.

To be eligible to participate as a member of the swim team, athletes must be at least six years of age and able to swim two lengths of the pool with proper rotary breathing. Swimmers are responsible for annual USS registration, all entry fees and equipment and all transportation and meals at meets.

For more information call Dolline Budke at 264-8252 or 263-4505.

Quarterback Club to meet Monday at ATC

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club will hold its weekly meeting Monday beginning at 7 p.m. in the ATC.

Lady Steers to face Estacado Saturday

The Big Spring Lady Steers will try and run their record to 4-0 in District 4-4A play Saturday when they travel to Lubbock.

The Lady Steers, 3-0 in loop play, will begin play at 3 p.m.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Oct. 3		
Event	Time	Station
Big Spring vs. SA Central	6 p.m.	95.7/1490
Grady vs. Westbrook	7 p.m.	94.3
Oct. 4		
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Baylor vs. Colorado	11 a.m.	1490
Texas vs. Kansas State	1:30 p.m.	94.3
Lady Steers vs. Estacado	2:45 p.m.	1490
Texas A&M vs. Texas Tech	8 p.m.	1490
Texas Tech vs. Texas A&M	8:15 p.m.	95.7
Oct. 5		
Event	Time	Station
Cowboys vs. Cardinals	11:30 a.m.	95.7
Oct. 10		
Event	Time	Station
Big Spring vs. Lake View	6 p.m.	95.7/1490
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Texas Tech vs. Iowa State	5:15 p.m.	95.7
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Rush resigns over his comment

NEW YORK (AP) — Conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh resigned from ESPN on Wednesday night, three days after saying Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb is overrated because the media wanted to see a black quarterback succeed.

Earlier Wednesday, Democratic presidential candidates Wesley Clark, Howard Dean and Rev. Al Sharpton called for the cable sports network to fire Limbaugh.

"My comments this past Sunday were directed at the media and were not racially motivated," Limbaugh said in a statement Wednesday night. "I offered an opinion. This opinion has caused discomfort to the crew, which I regret."

"I love 'NFL Sunday Countdown' and do not want to be a distraction to the great work done by all who work on it."

"Therefore, I have decided to resign. I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the show and wish all the best to those who make it happen."

"We regret the circumstances surrounding this," he said in a statement. "We believe that he took the appropriate action to resolve this matter expeditiously."

McNabb had said earlier Wednesday that he didn't mind criticism of his performance. He was upset that Limbaugh made his race an issue and said it was too late for an apology.

Limbaugh insisted earlier Wednesday he had "no racist intent whatsoever." In fact, he said he must have been right; otherwise, the comments would not have sparked such outrage.

Before McNabb led the Eagles to a 23-13 victory over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday, Limbaugh said on ESPN's pregame show that he didn't think McNabb was as good as perceived from the start.

"I think what we've had here is a little social concern in the NFL. The media has been very desirous that a black quarterback do well," Limbaugh said Sunday.

Limbaugh did not back down during his syndicated radio talk show Wednesday.

"All this has become the tempest that is because I must have been right about something," Limbaugh said. "If I wasn't right, there wouldn't be this cacophony of outrage in the sports writer community."

The NFL disclaimed any responsibility from Limbaugh's remarks.



The Dallas Cowboys will get their first chance to face former teammate Emmitt Smith this Sunday as the Arizona Cardinals visit Dallas. Smith, the NFL's all-time leading rusher, left the Cowboys in the off-season and later said he "felt like a diamond surrounded by trash."

Cowboys ready to take first shot at team's former star

IRVING (AP) — After years of only tapping Emmitt Smith in practice, some Dallas Cowboys defenders are ready to take him down for real.

And if there's a little extra oomph on their hits, well, Smith will only have himself to blame.

The feelings surrounding Smith's return to Texas Stadium on Sunday turned from nostalgic to nasty after he told Sports Illustrated that during his last season in Dallas he "felt like a diamond surrounded by trash."

Most players sullied by that statement held their tongues at first. Now that Smith and his new team, the Arizona Cardinals, are coming to town, the Cowboys are using the line to get them fired up.

"Whatever I need to use to motivate me to have a good game, I'm

going to use — and I'm definitely going to use that," said defensive end Ebenezer Ekuban.

Ekuban is among those who initially ignored the comment, saying, "I just blew it off as Emmitt being Emmitt." Even safety Roy Williams, a rookie last season during Smith's 13th and final year in Dallas, knew enough not to be offended by the now-infamous line.

"Man, Emmitt pops off all the time," Williams said.

Linebacker Dexter Coakley called the statement "very painful," but added that Smith was just frustrated with how far the team had fallen — from three Super Bowls in four years during the mid-1990s to three straight five-win seasons.

"Anyone who is a competitor, who has any love and drive for

the game, that's very disappointing," Coakley said. "You don't want to go out like that, especially if you're the caliber of player he is."

Defensive end Greg Ellis gave Smith the benefit of the doubt, figuring his point just came out wrong.

"Maybe he got ahead of himself and said some things he probably wishes he could take back," he said. "But once it goes in black and white, it's done with. You can't take it back."

Smith was well on his way to becoming the NFL's career rushing leader by the time most of the Cowboys came into the league. They knew the rule: Take it easy on No. 22.

So, even without the added incentive, there already would be

See COWBOYS, Page 2B

Lakers aim for title with uncertain future

After an eventful summer, the Los Angeles Lakers opened training camp and await the media storm.

Shaquille O'Neal worked himself into good physical shape, coach Phil Jackson recovered from heart surgery and Karl Malone and Gary Payton became Lakers during the off-season.

However, sexual assault charges against Kobe Bryant overshadowed everything else.

The entire team will have to deal with the felony sexual assault case against Bryant in Eagle, Colo. As training camp opened Tuesday in Honolulu, there was already talk about the day it closes — Oct. 9 — when Bryant is due in court for a preliminary hearing. Only the Lakers' younger players reported to training camp, with Bryant and the rest of the regulars due in for a meeting Thursday night

and the first full-squad practice on Friday.

Jackson hopes to prepare the players for the spotlight that's going to be cast on the team because of Bryant.

Asked what instructions he was going to give the players, Jackson told reporters in Honolulu, "Just how to dodge questions that you guys are going to present. How to play down issues that make for headlines. How

See LAKERS, Page 2B

JV, frosh Steers to face SA Central today

The Big Spring Steers junior varsity and freshman football teams will return to action today against San Angelo Central. The BSHS fresh-

men, 1-3 on the year, are scheduled to host the Central Bobcats beginning at 5 p.m. at Memorial Stadium. The Big Spring junior

varsity will travel to San Angelo for a 7 p.m. start.

The BSHS JV squad enters today's game sporting a 1-2-1 record for the year.

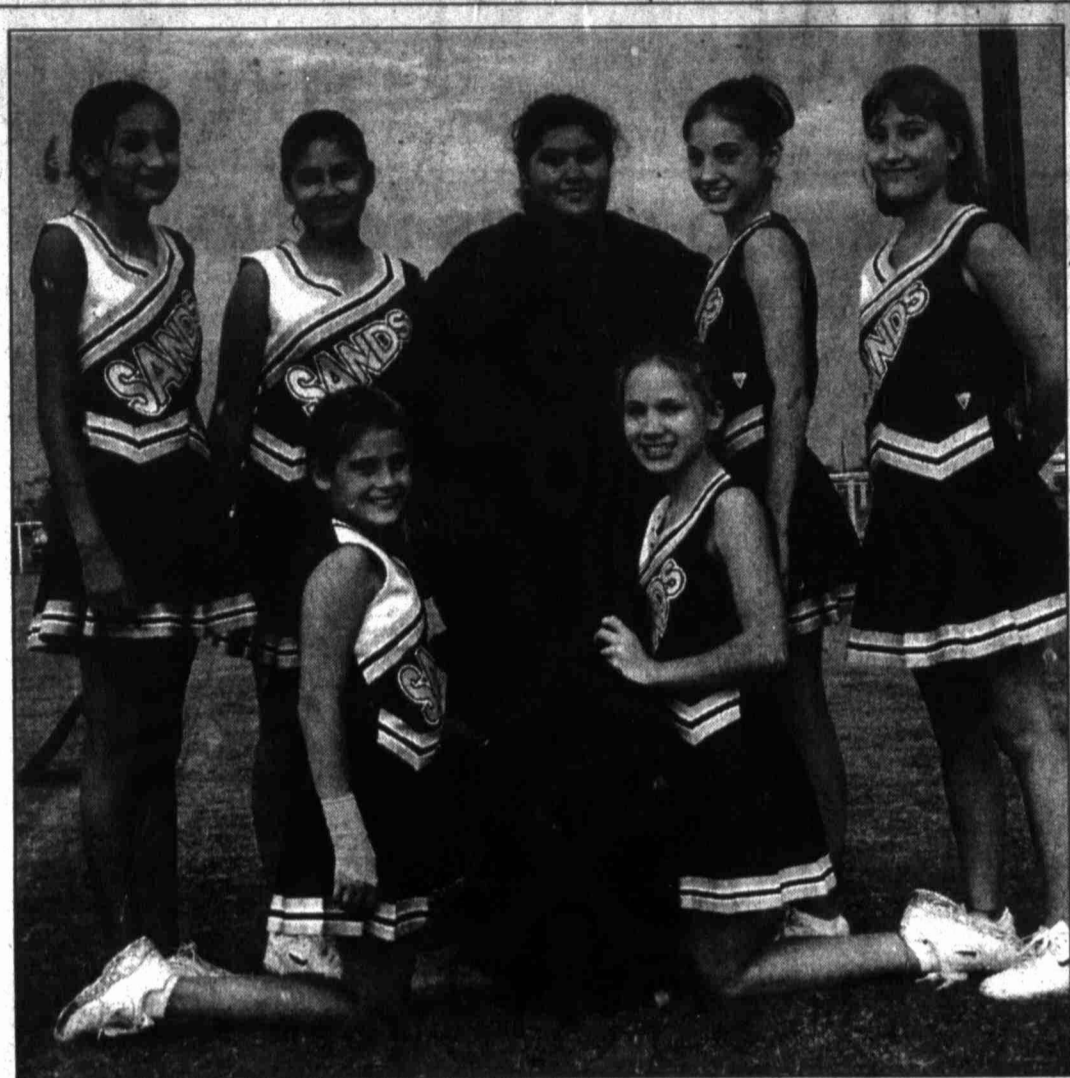


Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler
The Westbrook Wildcats will try and notch their third win of the year Friday against the Grady Wildcats.

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SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for American Conference (East Division, South, West), National (East, South, West), and various game results including scores and statistics.



Members of the Sands Junior High School cheerleading squad rooted the Mustangs to a win over Westbrook last week. Cheering on the SJHS footballers are (back row) Kayla Gomez, Isabella Cuellar, Carmen Aguinaga, Brittini Blagrave, Kimberly Wigington, (front) Ashli Stockton and Tamara Nichols.

COWBOYS

Continued from Page 1B the excitement of finally getting to go after him.

"We thudded him up, but it was never full-contact, taking him to the ground," Ellis said. "I'm not going to take it easy on him. He's not going to take it easy on me either. When he tries to cut me, he's going to really be getting after me. I've got to return the favor."

The game also could become a showcase for Troy Hambrick, who lobbied hard to replace Smith last season.

He's getting his wish this season. He started slow, then broke out with 127 yards in a victory over the Jets on Sunday. His 240 yards in three games easily tops Smith's 193 in four games. Hambrick also is averaging 3.9 yards per carry to 3.1 for Smith.

Given the chance to gloat or make a bold prediction, Hambrick opted to avoid saying anything that might wind up on Arizona's bulletin board.

"Put the pressure on the offensive line," he said. "Go find those big guys that weigh 300 pounds, got a little fat hanging off the sides, and tell them they've got to dominate the defensive line this week."

There's one other relationship that will be interesting to see Sunday: How the fans react.

Although Smith was a big reason for three of the Super Bowl banners hanging from the rafters in Texas Stadium, and there's another commemorating his rushing record, the trash comment is still reverberating — especially as much as it's being relished this week.

Some fans already were annoyed by his complaints about carries last season. There also was a public-relations mess when he declined an invitation to be inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in February.

Despite it all, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones is expecting Smith to be cheered, and thinks he should be.

"Those comments this summer are so far overshadowed by what Emmitt has meant and been to our fans and this franchise," Jones said.

TEXAS

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when I'm on the field, I feel like he's my biggest fan. He's the first guy I see any time I throw a touchdown or come off after a successful drive."

Their teammates also have accepted the rotation.

"When Chance is in there, we have a pretty wide open offense. We can run anything," receiver Roy Williams said. "When Vince comes in we give him the run-pass option. He brings another dimension to our offense. It puts (defenses) in a bad spot."

Mock is the more vocal leader. Young still needs the help from older players getting signals from the sidelines and seldom says

anything peppier than "Let's go, let's go," in the huddle, Williams said.

"I've got a few games under my belt," Mock said. "It's time to step up and start being more vocal, and making sure the guys on the team know what you expect from them."

At the start of the season many fans considered Mock a placeholder at the position until Young matured. Now he's the second-ranked quarterback in the nation with a 177.0 pass-efficiency rating with 724 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Brown has made wholesale changes when Young plays. In a move akin to Florida State's "Kentucky Derby" offense of the early 1990s, Brown sends the freshman in with the second-team offensive

line, giving the Longhorns fresh legs.

Young's first career completion was a 60-yard bomb but most of his best plays have come on the ground. He's second on the team with 184 yards rushing and four touchdowns, including a team-high 61 yards and two TDs against New Mexico State.

In last week's 63-18 win over Tulane, he faked a handoff and rolled to his right before breaking down the sideline for a 60-yard gain that set up a touchdown.

Texas has scored nine touchdowns on Young's 11 possessions.

"He's not a Michael Vick, but he's athletic like Michael Vick," said Kansas State cornerback Cedrick Williams. "There are a lot of threats he brings into the game."

Wildcats coach Bill Snyder said it would be a mistake to think Mock can only pass and Young can only run.

"If you get lulled to sleep with the idea that they won't let Chance run the ball or handle the option, you could get yourself into some serious trouble," Snyder said.

LAKERS

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not to put blood in the water, so to speak, and create the frenzy."

He added, "So we do a little media training in a real quick order."

Jackson said he didn't know how the focus on Bryant might affect the team.

"We don't have any idea. We just can't even project it. Until it becomes a reality, you can't do anything," he said.

"You just have to malleable, ready, prepared, adjustable. All these

things that aren't fixed rules in our head as to how things are going to work out. We don't know."

Jackson, feeling good after an angioplasty in May to unblock an artery to his heart, said he's ready for what he called "one of the biggest challenges I've ever faced."

One of the challenges will be trying to blend the superstar egos of four future Hall of Fame players into a cohesive unit.

"We're going to have to have a big sacrifice from players, from stars, to make this work," Jackson said recently.

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Driver Dale Jarrett, left, attends a special ceremony for the 6 millionth Taurus sold by his race car sponsor, Ford Motor Co., in October 2002.

More for their money

By RANDY COVITZ
Knight Ridder Newspapers

In his brief NASCAR career, Jamie McMurray has made the rounds of hospitality tents and corporate gatherings on behalf of his sponsors.

But nothing prepared McMurray for a request last month by his Grand National series sponsor, Yellow Transportation. McMurray, now a full-time Winston Cup driver, and David Stremme, who drives the Yellow No. 1 car in McMurray's absence, were summoned to Columbus, Ohio, for the National Truck Drivers Championships. They met with 20 or so Yellow drivers participating in the competition and were asked to make a run on the course in a Yellow big rig.

"I wasn't sure exactly what to expect when I got behind the wheel," McMurray said, "but after a few minutes, I felt right at home. Of course, you could probably ask somebody else who was a witness to it, and they might have a different story."

It's all in a week's work for drivers who smile for photos, shake hands and sign autographs for the companies that fork over up to \$15 million to sponsor Winston Cup teams and up to \$5 million for the Grand National series.

Those sponsors want more for their money than just a logo on the hood.

That's why Dale Earnhardt Jr. makes an appearance at every track on behalf of Budweiser, as well as other appearances away from the track; it's why Mark Martin visits Viagra's health-care trailer; and why McMurray and Stremme got to embarrass themselves in front of the truckers.

"My dad drove trucks for 30 years, so it was pretty cool for me to get to experience it," Stremme said. "Naturally, I was trying to get the best time on the course until they explained

Drivers' obligations to sponsors have increased as NASCAR gains popularity

to me, that your score is based on accuracy, not time."

When NASCAR visits Kansas City this weekend, Stremme will visit Yellow's Overland Park, Kan., headquarters and meet with employees. He'll also visit two customer-service centers in Des Moines, Iowa, and Sioux Falls, S.D., before leaving the area.

"We want to incorporate the Yellow racing drivers into as much of the program as possible," said Mike Brown, a vice president for Yellow, "but never to a point where it becomes onerous."

The requests of Grand National sponsors don't compare to those in Winston Cup. When McMurray was hired full time by Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates to drive the No. 42 Havoline Dodge this season on the Winston Cup circuit, fellow driver Jimmie Johnson called and said: "Man, your life is going to change."

McMurray said: "The Grand National series runs 34 races, about the same as Winston Cup, but you do a lot more stuff for your sponsor. And not so much for your sponsor, but we do stuff for Dodge, we do stuff for Action Performance (a souvenir and merchandise com-

pany). In the Grand National series, I never did an appearance for a manufacturer or a souvenir maker."

Not that anybody's complaining: It's been that way ever since sponsors began slapping decals on cars.

"When the sponsor comes in, he wants your full, undivided attention," said legendary racer Richard Petty, who now owns three Winston Cup teams. "He wants the teams, the show cars, he wants the drivers to do commercials and runs them all over the country."

"When they're paying that much money, they should get as much out of it as they could, but a lot of times it makes it tight on the drivers and owners. We found out over a period of time, the guys who pay the most money, ask the least from you."

"But you get an associate sponsor who is giving you a little bit of money, he wants you more than the guy who is paying the big bills."

In the early days of Winston Cup racing, many sponsors were automotive-related — such as STP and Champion Spark Plugs — and understood that racing came first. Now, the sponsors range from cereal to cell phones to pharmaceuticals.

"It's a lot more time-consuming today," Petty said. "I won't say it's any harder. They expect the drivers to be personalities. Back when we came along, they just expected a driver to win a race. Now, winning is important, but the big deal is getting your people and your product out there."

In fact, two-time Winston Cup series champion Terry Labonte said he doesn't remember making more than three sponsor appearances after he won the championship in 1984.

"Today, you can make three appearances a week for your sponsors," Labonte said, "just because you have more sponsors involved in the sport."



McMurray



Petty

THIS WEEK'S RACE

BANQUET 400

Where: Kansas Speedway, a 1.5-mile paved banked, tri-oval located in Kansas City, Kan.

When: Sunday at 1 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 4:05 p.m. Friday.

TV: NBC

Radio: Motor Racing Network

Purse: \$5,286,510

Last year's winner: Jeff Gordon



Gordon

Also this week: The NASCAR Grand National series returns to action Saturday at Kansas with 19-year-old Brian Vickers leading the series points race, holding a 32-point lead over Scott Riggs.

Worth mentioning: There have been 14 different pole winners in 2003. Ryan Newman (seven), Bobby Labonte (four), Jeff Gordon (three) and Steve Park (two) are the repeat winners this season. Qualifying was canceled due to poor weather at New Hampshire and second Dover.

There have been 16 different race winners this season. Newman (seven), Kurt Busch (four), Jimmie Johnson (three), Robby Gordon (two) and Michael Waltrip (two) are the repeat winners.

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Is NASCAR's new "gentleman's agreement" rule, which gives the first driver a lap down his lap back at each caution, fair?

Cast your vote at: www.thatracin.com

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Who's having the more impressive season, Matt Kenseth or Ryan Newman?



Number of votes: 1,045

STOP 'N' GO

RANDOM THOUGHTS

A few things to look for as the Winston Cup circuit makes it way to Kansas Speedway:

STARTING OFF

■ Bill Elliott has a 4.0 starting average at Kansas Speedway, the best of all drivers who have competed in both races.

■ Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart have each started in the top 10 in both races.

TRENDSSETTERS

■ Gordon has won both races at Kansas.

■ Ryan Newman has finished second in both races.

■ Stewart has finished eighth in both races.

■ Rusty Wallace, right, has finished in the top five in both races.

— Jim Utter



BY THE NUMBERS

WINSTON CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of Sept. 28:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. M. Kenseth (17)	4227	21. W. Burton (22)	2942
2. K. Harvick (29)	3873	22. R. Craven (32)	2887
3. D. Earnhardt Jr. (8)	3843	23. R. Rudd (21)	2880
4. J. Johnson (48)	3751	24. J. Mayfield (19)	2870
5. R. Newman (12)	3738	25. J. Nemechek (25)	2792
6. J. Gordon (24)	3707	26. J. Benson (10)	2782
7. B. Labonte (18)	3528	27. D. Jarrett (88)	2725
8. K. Busch (97)	3527	28. D. Blaney (77)	2713
9. T. Stovall (20)	3456	29. J. Spencer (7)	2538
10. T. Labonte (5)	3396	30. K. Wallace (23)	2481
11. M. Waltrip (15)	3386	31. S. Park (30)	2376
12. R. Gordon (31)	3321	32. T. Bodine (54)	2348
13. J. Burton (99)	3245	33. J. Green (1)	2200
14. R. Wallace (2)	3239	34. C. Moars (41)	2136
15. B. Elliott (9)	3202	35. K. Schrader (89)	2053
16. M. Martin (6)	3131	36. T. Raines (74)	2011
17. J. McMurray (42)	3089	37. K. Petty (45)	1976
18. S. Martin (40)	3019	38. J. Andretti (43)	1808
19. G. Biffle (16)	2984	39. M. Skinner (4)	1682
20. E. Sadler (38)	2955	40. J. Sprague (0)	1284

GRAND NATIONAL POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of Sept. 20:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. B. Vickers	3720	11. S. Compton	3160
2. S. Riggs	3688	12. M. Bliss	3088
3. R. Hornaday	3659	13. A. Lewis	2863
4. D. Green	3653	14. M. Wallace	2762
5. J. Keller	3614	15. C. Gibbs	2634
6. B. Hamilton Jr.	3456	16. T. Bodine	2467
7. J. Sauter	3249	17. K. Grubb	2277
8. K. Kahne	3249	18. K. Harvick	2175
9. S. Wimmer	3200	19. M. Waltrip	2027
10. S. Hmiel	3160	20. L. Gunselman	1923

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Mr. Goodcents 300, Kansas City, Kan.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of Sept. 27:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. B. Gaughan	3151	6. B. Hamilton	2856
2. T. Kvapil	3084	7. R. Crawford	2815
3. T. Musgrave	3051	8. C. Edwards	2683
4. D. Setzer	3015	9. T. Cook	2606
5. J. Wood	2866	10. C. Chaffin	2537

NEXT RACE: Saturday, John Boy and Billy 250, South Boston, Va.

RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17): Despite Talladega bobble, he could finish last in two races and still lead standings by at least 52 points. Last week: 1.

2. Ryan Newman (car No. 12): Fourth at Talladega. Give him that in the other plate races and he's 189 points back, not 489. Last week: 2.

3. Kevin Harvick (car No. 29): He's put together 10 top-10 finishes and no finish worse than 18th in the past 15 races. Last week: 3.

4. Kurt Busch (car No. 97): Sixth at Talladega. He and Dale Jarrett (19th) were the only Fords finishing in the top 20. Last week: 5.

5. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8): Give this team credit this time. It took great work to get him back into hunt at Talladega. Last week: 6.

6. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): Got wrecked in front of Talladega field but got lucky, too, when he didn't hit anything or anybody. Last week: 4.

7. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): Gets points for trying a last lap move on Waltrip-Earnhardt Jr. tandem at Talladega. Last week: 9.

8. Tony Stewart (car No. 20): If he'd gotten behind Earnhardt Jr. two laps sooner, the Talladega finish would've been fun. Last week: 10.

9. Michael Waltrip (car No. 15): Talladega win snaps five-race bad luck skid and rekindles hopes for a top-10 points finish. Last week: 16.

10. Terry Labonte (car No. 5): Finished 22nd last week, his worst on an oval track since a 39th at Bristol back in March. Last week: 7.

For the rest of the top-40 rankings, go online and visit www.thatracin.com.

Earnhardt established DEI's plate dominance

A Winston Cup race at Talladega Superspeedway is the world's most complicated lottery drawing.

Instead of pingpong balls, 43 cars are loaded into a 2.66-mile barrel and blown around in the air. Every 50 seconds or so somebody takes a picture of where each car is in relation to all the others. When the 188th picture is taken, it's over.

Michael Waltrip started 18th in last Sunday's EA Sports 500. He was 30th after 10 laps, 23rd after 20 laps and 27th after 30. He was third after 40 laps, fourth after 50 and 14th after 60. His position at each ensuing 10-lap interval was fifth, 10th, 22nd, 21st, 13th, fourth, 16th, third, 21st, 11th, third, first and, at the finish, first.

Things go pretty much the same way at Daytona, too, the only other track where Cup cars use carburetor restrictor plates. A car running second on one lap can very easily be 12th on

the next if its driver gets trapped in the wrong line or is hung out by himself with no drafting partner.

Because of the almost random nature of this type of racing, it's even more remarkable that two cars from the same team have now won nine of the past 12 plate races.

Waltrip's victory on Sunday was his first at Talladega, but he's won three times in the past three years at Daytona. Dale Earnhardt Jr. had won four straight at Talladega before finishing second to Waltrip on Sunday, and he also won at Daytona in July 2001.

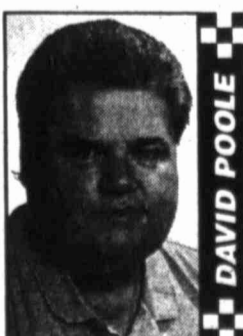
Clearly, Dale Earnhardt Inc. spends a great deal of time and money perfecting its Chevrolets for restrictor-plate racing. Nine of DEI's 14 all-time

Cup victories have come in plate races, with Earnhardt Jr. winning five and Waltrip four.

As Waltrip and Earnhardt Jr. have piled up the plate-race victories in the past three seasons, finishing first and second four times as they did last Sunday, the question has always been what kind of "secret" has DEI found?

Is there magic in the motors the team brings to plate tracks? Has DEI found a way to thwart, if only ever so slightly, the horsepower-limiting characteristics of the restrictor plates? Or, as the most fervent conspiracists believe, is there simply something underhanded about the way NASCAR hands out the plates in the first place?

As interesting as it may be to speculate about the one true source for



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

joint decisions is favored. ARIES (March 21-April 19). When it's time to buckle down, you've got the self-discipline everyone else only wishes for! Singles: Embrace new love. Couples: Break down barriers to self-expression. Reacquaint yourself with your support system.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Get completely organized to ready yourself for fast changes. Surprises drive you in directions you never before thought possible. Whatever you're tired of gets thrown out or revamped. Switching gears brings a financial bonus.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have the power to change what needs changing. Drop projects that hold little reward or challenge for you. A self-effacing sense of humor will help disarm your adversary. Above all, don't demonize an aggressive competitor.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Command respect — you deserve it, and you get it. Some of you realize that you can apply your job skills in a more lucrative line of work. This one shift will make you feel 10 times more creative.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can make life easier for the people you care about. But don't be fooled — staying out of the problem could actually provide the most help of all. Co-dependence is a nasty habit. People feel better when they take responsibility.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're on the verge of expansion — an open mind is the first step. Waste no time in making your needs known. Get on inspirational e-mail lists, or consider hiring a personal coach to push you toward one shining goal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Keep promises, and you'll earn trust. Inventors and artists have breakthroughs, but don't talk about it to outsiders. Keeping recent advances close to the vest will cut out the competition and ultimately save you from

regret. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's easy to accept yourself, faults and all. This approval allows you to have greater compassion for others. Instead of putting out so much attention-getting energy, you'll be putting time into what feeds your soul.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Numbness is an avoidance technique. Instead, face the man in the mirror. The good news is that you'll come out of the process with a meaningful, attainable goal that is actually fulfilling to chase.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The magic isn't out there somewhere — it's in you. Once you realize that you are the one animating this crazy scene, you'll be able to choose which dramas to take on and which to avoid.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Recent financial risks look like they may not get the return you hoped for. Don't take the so-called "expert's" word for it. Wait another day, and do some research, too. A search engine will lead you right to the answer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People who respect your power are in short supply. Consider why this is so, and make a shift. You may need to step up in a new way so that others pay attention. By the afternoon, you should see a turnaround.

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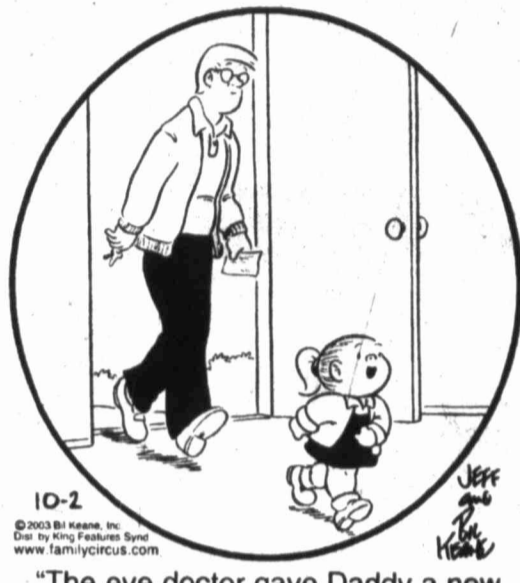
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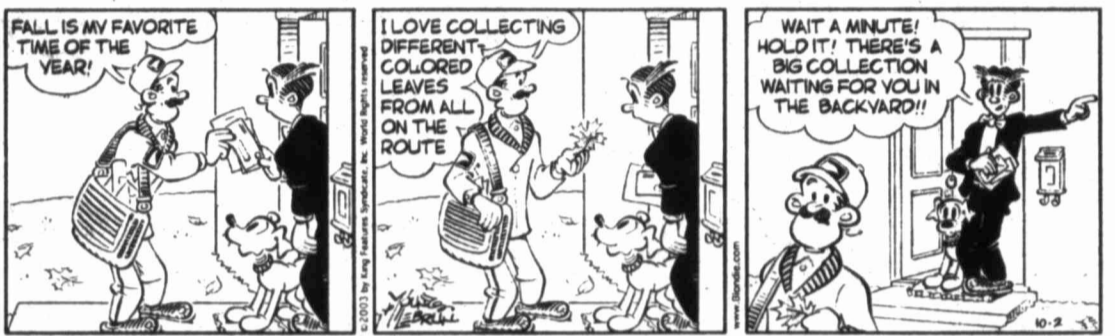


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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 2, the 275th day of 2003. There are 90 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 2, 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; he was the first black appointed to the nation's highest court. On this date: In 1780, British spy John Andre was hanged in Tappan, N.Y. In 1835, the first battle of the Texas Revolution took place as American settlers defeated a Mexican cavalry near the Guadalupe River. In 1890, comedian Groucho Marx was born in New York. In 1919, President Wilson suffered a stroke that left him partially paralyzed. In 1941, German armies began Operation "Typhoon" - an all-out drive against

Moscow.

In 1944, Nazi troops crushed the two-month-old Warsaw Uprising, during which a quarter-million people were killed.

In 1950, the comic strip "Peanuts," created by Charles M. Schulz, was first published in nine newspapers.

In 1958, the former French colony of Guinea in West Africa proclaimed its independence.

In 1985, actor Rock Hudson died at his home in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 59 after a battle with AIDS.

In 1990, the Senate voted 90-to-nine to confirm the nomination of Judge David H. Souter to the Supreme Court.

Ten years ago: Hundreds of opponents of Russian President Boris Yeltsin battled police in Moscow and set up burning barricades in the biggest clash of Russia's 12-day-old political crisis.

Five years ago: The House released 4,600 pages of evidence that meticulously detailed President Clinton's efforts to contain the Monica Lewinsky scandal

as it erupted. Hollywood's original singing cowboy and former owner of the Anaheim Angels, Gene Autry, died at age 91.

One year ago: The New J. Today's Birthdays: Country singer-musician Leon Rausch (Bob Willis and the Texas Playboys) is 76. Former Dodgers shortstop Maury Wills is 71. Movie critic Rex Reed is 65. Singer-songwriter Don McLean is 58. Cajun/country singer Jo-el Sonnier is 57. Actor Avery Brooks is 55. Country singer Chris LeDoux is 55. Photographer Annie Leibovitz is 54. Rock musician Mike Rutherford (Genesis, Mike & the Mechanics) is 53. Singer-actor Sting is 52.

Answer to previous puzzle

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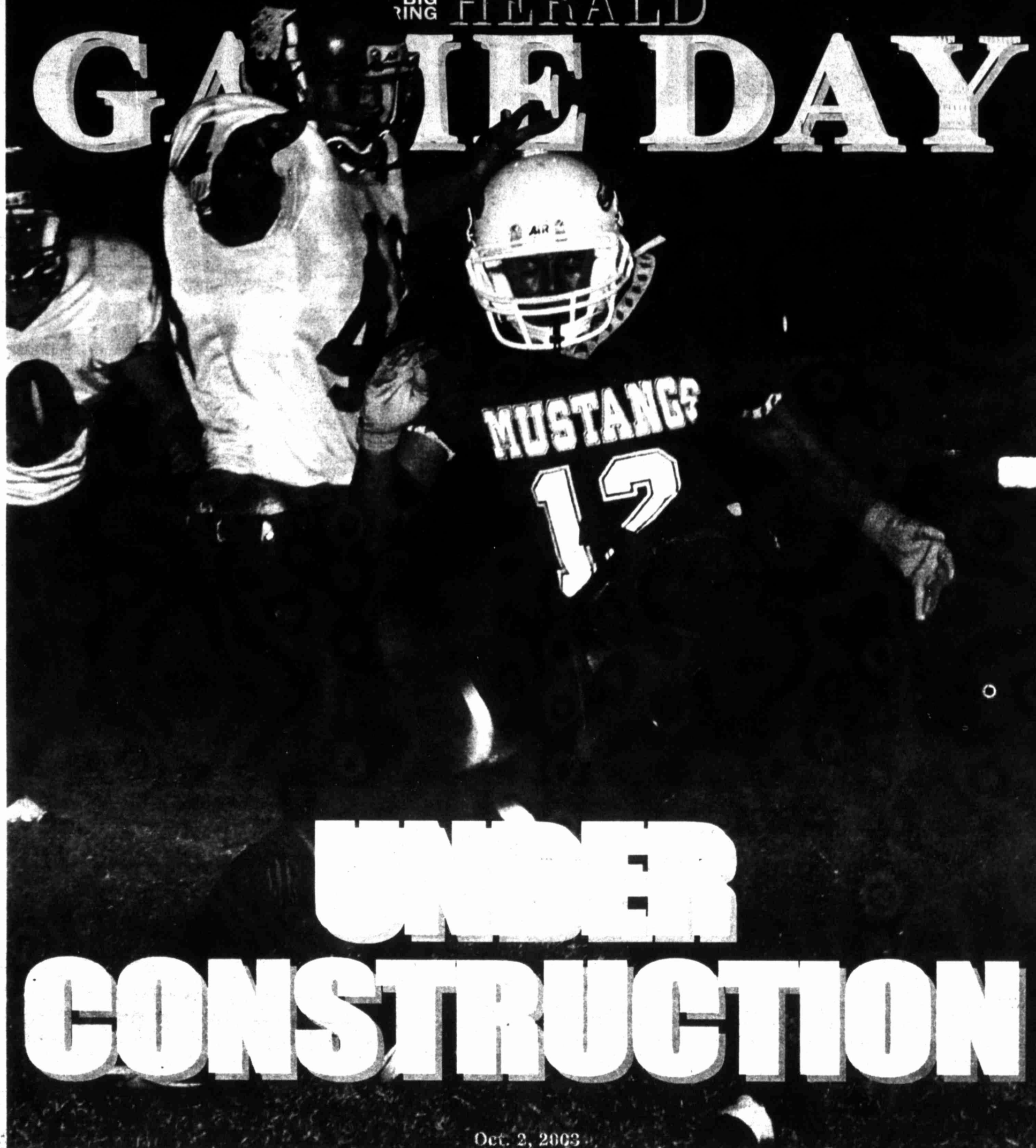
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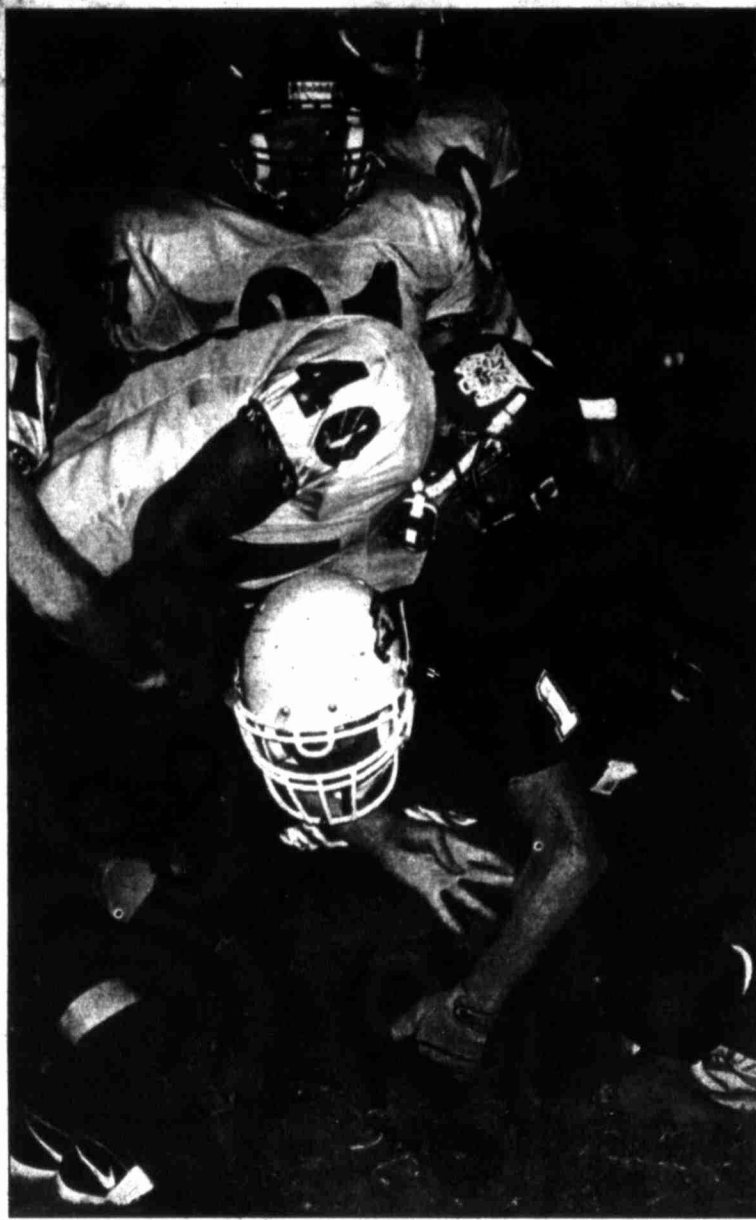
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Starting Over



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Sands' Brandon Woods tackles Westbrook's Josiah Hannon last week. Woods in the lone starter back from the Mustangs' state semifinalist squad from last fall.

Crossroads' star suffers broken leg in team's win

Ace Nieto, the starting quarterback for the Steers' of the Crossroads Little Football League, was sidelined for the remainder of the season with a broken leg Saturday.

Nieto broke his leg, below the knee, in two spots last week while scrambling on a play. Despite the injury, he led the Steers to a 16-0 win in Division I action. He was transported to Lubbock where he was treated and released.

According to Steers' players, Nieto will be in a cast for up to two months. The Goliad Intermediate student plans to attend the Steers' next game on Oct. 11.

Young Mustangs enduring tough schedule, injuries along road back

By **TOMMY WELLS**

Sports Editor

A year ago, the Sands Mustangs were toe toast of Texas. They had a ton of talent-laden seniors, a rich tradition and were one of the favorites to make a serious run at the state football championship. Seasons, and times, change.

A year removed from a berth in the state semifinals, Sands head coach Larry Reid now fields one of the youngest teams in West Texas and is trying to get the Mustangs in a situation where they can — at least — have a shot at competing in the rough-and-tumble District 5 race. It hasn't been an easy chore thus far.

Reid, one of the winningest six-man coaches over the past decade, has seen his team struggle to overcome mental mistakes and the losses and disappointments begin to pile.

"We're very young this year," said Reid, who has guided teams to the state semifinals three times in his career. "Right now, we're still making the same mistakes we were making a month ago. We had hoped we would have made some strides forward but we haven't yet. We just have to keep working."

Offensively, the Mustangs have struggled to replace quarterback Jeremy Renteria and running backs Heath Webb and Nate Looney. The three accounted for almost 70 percent of the team's total yards a year ago.

New quarterback Marcelo Barraza has had to learn the SHS offense on the run — literally. In addition to losing its three starters in the backfield, the Mustangs also graduated two of their three linemen. Only backup center Julian Mojica returned this fall — and he's been hampered by a knee injury.

"We're having trouble moving the ball," said Reid. "We've had a couple of young men get hurt which has

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Michael Ornales-Doportto and the Big Spring Steers will try and close out their non-district schedule Friday night by hosting the San Angelo Central Bobcats. Big Spring and SA Central have played 62 times since 1906 and are former members of "The Little SWC."

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One for Pride

Steers out to prove effort against Plainview a fluke

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Losing is something no head football coach in the land likes to do. Losing ugly is something they like even less.

In case you missed it, the Big Spring Steers found themselves in both categories two weeks ago with a lackluster 51-0 setback against the Plainview Bulldogs. It's a feeling Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler hopes his team doesn't like at all.

"We've got something to prove to ourselves," said Butler, who will lead the Steers into a showdown with former "Little Southwest Conference" rival San Angelo Central Friday night. "After the way we played against Plainview, this game is important to us twofold. First, we need to prove to ourselves that the whole Plainview deal was an aberration and wasn't our team, plus we need to play well to get ready for Lake View.

"We're approaching the game with the mindset that we need to regain respect," he added.

Big Spring will get its chance to shake off any rust from a week layoff and regain its composure when they renew one of their oldest rivalries by facing Central at Memorial Stadium. Big Spring and San Angelo Central have played 62 times since 1906. The two were a part of the former "Little SWC" group until splintering off in the late 1980s.

Regaining a little respect could be the motto for both teams this week. The Steers, a regional semifinalist a year ago, enters their final non-district game with a 1-3 record. Central also comes in at 2-2.

Despite the Bobcats' record, Butler isn't selling Central short in the least.

"They're a team that has gotten better through the year," he said. "They have a lot speed and their front seven defensively is one of the more physical we will

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2003 Season Statistics

GAME RESULTS

17	Odessa High	35
19	Odessa Permian	48
49	Hereford	7
0	Plainview	51

Scores By Quarters

Opponents	42	36	28	35	141
Big Spring	20	39	20	6	85

Individual Offensive Statistics

Player	Passing				TD
	Comp	Att	Int	Yards	
Jerry Doport	26	47	1	397	2
Andy Lasater	11	19	2	126	1
Team	37	66	3	523	3
Opponents	34	61	8	521	6

Rushing

Player	Att	Yards	TD
Taviance Clemons	31	156	0
Marcus Gray	35	237	0
Jerry Doport	38	111	3
Mike Ormales-Doport	2	39	0
Dan Ward	7	15	0
Michael Shockley	1	9	0
Andy Lasater	12	-15	0
Team	126	552	3
Opponents	153	894	10

Receiving

Player	Recpt.	Yards	TD
Mike Ormales-Doport	7	197	1
Jordan Cobb	7	104	0
J. Rich Sparks	2	74	2
Michael Shockley	10	71	2
Wesley Smith	4	53	0
Marcus Gray	4	18	0
Alex Castillo	1	3	0
Taviance Clemons	1	2	0
Jerry Doport	1	1	0
Team	37	523	6
Opponents	34	521	4

Scoring

Player	TD	XP	2pt	FG	Total
Jerry Doport	3	-	2	-	20
Michael Shockley	3	-	-	-	18
J. Rich Sparks	2	-	-	-	12
Taviance Clemons	2	-	-	-	12
Jordan Cobb	-	8	-	1	11
Marcus Gray	1	-	-	-	6
Mike Ormales-Doport	1	-	-	-	6

Individual Defensive Statistics

Player	Cont.	Assist	Solo	T-Loss	Total
Quentin Vanderbilt	11	32	16	3	62
Jared Phillips	24	23	6	-	53
Michael Shockley	8	17	10	1	36
Daniel Castillo	9	17	1	-	27
Steven Heffington	12	11	-	-	23
Jeremy Cerda	6	13	1	1	21
Wesley Smith	2	11	8	-	21
Mike Ormales-Doport	7	6	6	-	19
Jordan Cobb	4	8	5	-	17
Erin Partee	5	6	1	1	13
David Lopez	5	6	1	-	12
Brock Pittman	6	5	1	-	12
Michael Parker	1	7	2	1	11
Nick Rushin	2	5	3	-	10
J. Rich Sparks	2	1	1	4	8
Alex Castillo	3	1	2	-	6
Brandon Hughes	1	3	1	-	5
Lee Cortez	2	1	2	-	5
Dexter Straughter	1	2	-	-	3
Volker	1	2	-	-	3
Zach Angel	1	-	1	-	2
Curtis Osburn	-	1	1	-	2
Pete Yanez	1	-	-	-	1
Tom Olague	-	1	-	-	1
K. White	-	1	-	-	1
Abel Pesina	-	1	-	-	1

Kickoff/Punt Returns

Player	KO	Punt	Yds
Mike Ormales-Doport	9	3	239
Jordan Cobb	12	-	163
Jerry Doport	2	-	29
Lee Cortez	2	-	0

Interceptions

Player	Total
Michael Shockley	3
Wesley Smith	3
Jordan Cobb	1

Fumble Recoveries

Player	Total
Steven Heffington	1
J. Rich Sparks	1
Wesley Smith	1

STEERS

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face. "This is going to be a real good test for us," he added.

Central, which suffered a 28-27 loss to Big Spring last year, opened the 2003 season with a 28-13 loss to the Brownwood Lions. Following a 21-0 shutout of Del Rio, the Bobcats dropped a 24-16 decision to Abilene Cooper before rebounding last week with a stunning 35-21 win over the Odessa Bronchos.

Early indications, according to Butler, are that the Steers appear to be in a good mindset heading into the game. Big Spring, which has won just 17 of 62 meetings with the Bobcats, heads into the game coming off one of its better weeks of practice.

"We had a good week of work," said Butler. "The young men worked really hard getting ready. It was so good on Tuesday, we didn't even run after practice."

"Trust me, I don't do that too often," he said.

The Steers could also be in their best physical shape since the start of the year. Butler said the open week enabled Big Spring time to heal from a predistrict schedule that included Odessa High, Odessa Permian and Plainview.

The biggest question surrounding the Steers' starting lineup is quarterback Jerry Doport. He is listed as a name time decision by the BSHS coaching staff after injuring his leg in the first quarter against Plainview.

Should Doport not be able to play, backup quarterback Andy Lasater will return under center. The Big Spring sophomore passed for more than 75 yards against Plainview.

The uncertainty surrounding the quarterback role is something Butler said could be a positive if every player takes it to heart.

"Andy, like everyone else on the team, has to approach it by thinking he's going to play. Any player who is

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just standing there thinking they're only going to play a few series isn't ready mentally. With the numbers we have, we suit up more than 11 players and we need every one of them.

"We have enough cheerleaders on the sidelines, we need players ... who are ready."

In Central, the Steers will be facing several big-time players, including wide receiver Blake Ligon and running back Karl Balfanz.

"They have a lot of speed on offense," said Butler. "They're very sound fundamentally. They haven't done a lot of crazy things on offense. They just come out and try to beat you down."

The Bobcats employ a multi-set offensive scheme using a lot of motion and shifting to confuse opposing defenses. As a unit, Central has averaged just 236 yards a game.

The San Angelo offense is led by quarterbacks Pat Griffin and Ryan Barnes. Barnes started against Odessa High and leads the team with 214 yards via the air.

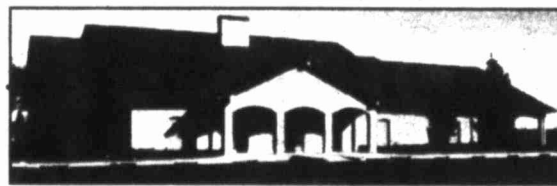
Balfanz and tailback Michael Ussery key the Bobcats' rushing attack. Balfanz has gained 292 yards and four TDs on 60 tries. Ussery has 202 yards and a TD on 40 carries.

Defensively, Central has struggled against the run this fall, allowing more than 100 yards a game. Overall, the Bobcats have allowed more than 1,100 yards to opposing teams.

Defensive tackle Tyson Tucker leads the SA front. Wunderkind linebacker Shawn Brown anchors defense at linebacker. He has racked up 62 tackles in four games — 24 more than any teammate.

Dandre Campbell and Login lead a secondary that has picked off eight passes this year. Campbell has three.

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3-2A race could be fight to very end

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

The way that things are shaping up so far this season in District 3-2A it will appear the race to secure one of the three playoff spots up for grabs will be a dog fight. So far the district's six teams have posted an impressive 20-9 slate and produced two undefeated teams and two 4-1 squads.

The Colorado City Wolves (5-0) have shown the power that was expected of them this season, ripping off an average of 37 points per game. Senior running back Jacobie Russell leads the CCHS attack by averaging more than 10 yards per carry this fall.

To make matters worse for their district foes, Colorado City is also home to one of the state's stingiest defenses. The Wolves have allowed only 39 points in their first five games.

"No one knows just how good they are. They really haven't been tested this year," said Coahoma head coach Robert Wood. "They've bowled over everyone that they have played.

"I believe they're as good as their record shows, they always have a strong team," he added.

"It's going to be a tough race," said Stanton head coach Lee McCown. "All the teams in our district are playing well, especially Colorado City, Crane and Coahoma. It's going to be a battle every week to make the playoffs."

The Crane Golden Cranes — as usual — are also a fixture among the district favorites. The Cranes carrying a No. 7 ranking into the

start of 3-2A play next week.

Crane, 4-0, has shown the ability to rely on its defense in 2003. Like Colorado City, the Cranes have given up just eight points a game.

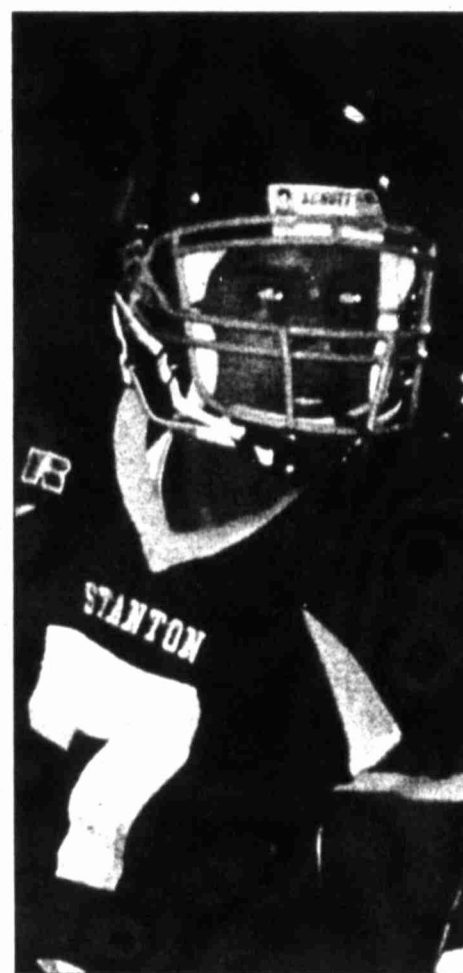
The Coahoma Bulldogs have been the surprise team of the season. The Bulldogs roared to an impressive 4-1 start this year. The Bulldogs' only loss came to perennial 2A power Jim Ned, 41-21, in Week 2.

The Bulldogs' experiment with the spread offense has been a resounding success. Senior quarterback Sam Tindol has helped power one of the state's top offensive units by throwing for more than 1,200 yards in five games. Making life easier for Tindol is the fact that he has a trio of talented receivers in Kelby Kemper, Adrian Abrego and Lance Roberts. Each have shown the ability to turn Tindol's darts into positive yardage.

In all, nine different players — including Tindol — have caught passes this fall.

With the air attack stretching the defenses, running back Clay Grant has found the going a little easier behind an offensive line of Terrell Bibb, Jacob Flohr, Sam Sevey, Andrew Brown, Zach Phillips, and D.J. Allen.

"The O-line has been doing a good job all year of opening holes for our running game and giving Sam enough time to find the open man," Wood said "I just can't say enough about the job that they have done for us this year. That goes for the whole team. We are extremely happy with the way things have gone so far this sea-



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler

Quarterback Victor Hernandez has played a key role in the Buffaloes ability to get off to a 2-3 start this season.

son."

The Bulldogs open district play by hosting the Seagraves Eagles — also 4-1 — on Oct. 11.

Like Coahoma, Stanton has been a big surprise this year.

The Buffaloes may have pulled off the biggest upset of the year when they rallied to beat the state-ranked Iraan Braves in Week 4.

The Braves, ranked No. 6 in Class 1A, fell victim to a last-minute rally.

Overall, Stanton has already doubled its win total of 2002 with two victories.

"The guys are determined to get better each day," said McCown. "We would have liked to win a few more, but we had a goal when we started this year of having a winning season and being able to compete for a playoff spot. The players still have that mind."

Stanton is led by running back Tanner Riley and quarterback Victor Hernandez, who has thrown for more than 400 yards despite playing with an ACL injury.

Defensive back Darryl Washington stars on defense. Through the Buffs' first five games, he leads all Crossroads-area defenders in interceptions with five.

In Forsan, the FHS Buffaloes have found the going rough so far. The team has posted just one victory — a 26-14 win over Garden City in Week 2.

The Buffaloes, who sport one of the smallest squads in class 2A with only 20 kids, are led on offense by senior Josh Helmstetler at quarterback. Adam Johnson, Cory Reyna, and Anthony Acosta power the running attack of the Buffs.

Trey Paradez is the team's leading receiver while Johnathan Wright and Brandon Burleson have contributed big catches.

With the balance that the district has shown, fans could be in for a wild ride before all is said and done.

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District 4-4A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	5	0	190	101	1.000
Frenship	4	1	148	55	.800
Levelland	1	3	64	102	.250
Big Spring	1	3	85	141	.250
Lake View	1	4	78	139	.200
Estacado	0	4	49	133	.000

Last week — Andrews 44, Greenwood 43 OT; Lubbock High 47, Levelland 16; Frenship 35, Borger 3; Wichita Falls 52, Lake View 10.

This week — San Angelo Central at Big Spring; Lubbock Estacado at Amarillo High; Levelland at Snyder.

District 3-3A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Denver City	3	1	104	68	.750
Merkel	3	1	95	26	.750
Sweetwater	2	2	93	88	.750
Seminole	2	2	67	81	.750
Snyder	1	3	72	78	.750
Lamesa	1	3	33	97	.750

Last week — Sweetwater 21, Wylie 7; Snyder 40, Fort Stockton 9; Lubbock Cooper 27, Seminole 6; Littlefield 42, Lamesa 14; Kermit 39, Denver City 18.

This week — Lubbock Cooper at

Denver City; Monahan's at Lamesa; Breckenridge at Merkel; Levelland at Snyder

District 3-2A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Colorado City	5	0	185	49	1.000
Crane	4	0	71	40	1.000
Seagraves	4	1	155	61	.800
Coahoma	4	1	138	117	.800
Stanton	2	3	79	108	.600
Forsan	1	4	46	198	.200

Last week — Coahoma 34, McCamey 19; Colorado City 52, Stamford 6; Crane 17, Pecos 14; Rankin 60, Forsan 0; Seagraves 17, Brownfield 14; Ozona.

This week — This week's schedule Midland Christian at Crane; Coahoma, Forsan, Stanton are open.

District 7-1A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Wink	5	0	197	32	1.000
Iraan	4	1	121	47	.800
McCamey	1	3	98	103	.250
Rankin	2	3	149	96	.200
Garden City	2	3	66	111	.200

Last week — Garden City 19, Midland Trinity 17; Coahoma 34, McCamey 19; Wink 58, Van Horn 0; Rankin 60, Forsan 0; Iraan 14, Menard 7.

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hurt us, but we've also shot ourselves in the foot with mistakes."

Offensively, Sands is ranked near the bottom of the District 5 stats. The Mustangs have scored just 40 points this season — a fact that has left the SHS defense on the field a majority of the time.

As a result of its offensive struggles, the Mustangs have given up 171 points in its first four outings.

Despite the early season struggles, Reid said his team could still turn its season around.

"We try and tell the kids that every day," he said. "That's our plan. We want to win as badly as anyone else and we have some good players. This schedule and everything they've been through so far will only make us better."

The Mustangs' offense showed signs of life late in the fourth quarter last week against Westbrook. Led by Woods, Sands drove the length of the field in the final two minutes to score.

"The way our offense has been breaking down, it was nice to see that," said Reid. "Any time we get the ball and do something like that it's good for our team's confidence. We just need to control the ball every time out."

Ironically enough, Sands isn't the only perennial six-man power struggling to find its way in 2003. The Borden Coyotes — who are just six years removed from a state championship — are off to a 1-4 start.

Borden County, the district's runner-up last season, has found offense hard to come by this far. The Coyotes have managed just 90 points in four games while giving up 171.

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vs.

Ropes Eagles

7:30 p.m. in Ropesville

Westbrook Wildcats

vs.

Grady Wildcats

7:30 p.m. in Lenora

So who leads the district picture heading into this weekend's action? Try Dawson and Klondike — the two cellar-dwellers a year ago. Both Dawson and Klondike are off to 3-1 starts.

The Grady Wildcats, the odds-on favorite to win th district championship, is 2-2 — although both losses have been to state-ranked teams in Wellman-Union (No. 10) and Highland (No. 6).

Sands, which returns just one starter from a year ago in running back/linebacker Brandon Woods, will try and notch its first win of the year tonight when they travel to Ropes for a makeup game. The Mustangs were originally slated to open the season with Ropes but were forced to reschedule the matchup because of bad weather.

Grady is scheduled to close out its non-district slate Friday night by hosting Westbrook. The game will start at 7:30 p.m.

Westbrook, 2-1 overall, is lead by quarterback Jared Matlock and sophomore running back Josiah Hannon. The Wildcats rolled up more than 300 yards last week.

Grady open District 5 play next week with Dawson. Sands faces Loop, while Westbrook draws Hermleigh.

North Shore, Leander enter Class 5A poll

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — DeSoto, ranked as high as No. 2 in The Associated Press high school football poll two weeks ago, didn't receive a single vote in the latest poll after losing for the second week in a row.

After losing 14-11 to Arlington Lamar last week, the Eagles were ranked eighth with 37 points. Voters weren't so kind this week after Mansfield Summit beat DeSoto 17-14 on Friday.

There were several other Class 5A shake-ups in the poll of 20 writers and broadcasters from across

the state.

Smithson Valley dropped out of the poll from sixth last week after a 13-7 loss to Temple. For the first time this season Temple received votes, with 13.

Galena Park North Shore makes its first appearance this season in the top 10 and enters the poll at No. 9. The team is 4-0 and beat Deer Park 33-6 Friday.

Leander is the second new addition to the 5A poll at No. 10. The Lions beat Austin Westlake 21-9 in the District 14-5A opener for both teams.

Lufkin remains atop 5A and

received 19 first-place votes after beating Marshall 39-3. The Woodlands, Southlake Carroll and Longview keep places two through five. Arlington Lamar moved up one spot to No. 6 despite an idle week.

Aldine Eisenhower and San Antonio Roosevelt moved to No. 7 and No. 8 respectively. The two were ninth and tenth in last week's poll.

The Class 4A top 10 remained unchanged this week with Ennis retaining the top spot and getting 19 first-place votes.

Brownsville Porter's seven points in the poll marks the first time in school history that the team has received a single vote. The Cowboys are 4-0 after beating Harlingen South 58-27 Saturday to open District 32-4A play. The win equals the best season record in school history for Porter, which went 4-6 in 1996.

Dallas Lincoln also received votes for the first time this season

after beating Thomas Jefferson 92-0 Saturday. Lincoln, 4-0, held Thomas Jefferson to negative total yardage in the contest.

The last new addition to the top 10 is Kennedale at No. 10 in Class 3A. The 4-0 team beat former No. 6 Everman 30-16 to knock the Bulldogs out of the poll.

Last week's No. 3 Midland Greenwood fell to No. 6 after a 44-43 overtime loss to Andrews, which is No. 10 in Class 4A. Daingerfield and Fairfield both moved up a spot to three and four.

Newton jumped two spaces up to No. 5 after a 46-14 win over Nacogdoches. Gilmer is No. 7 and Gainesville moved up two spots to eight. Forney retained ninth place.

No top 10 teams in the smallest two classes lost this week and there were no place changes in Class 2A or 1A. Comfort, which received 11 first place votes last week, had 15 this week. The Bobcats beat San Antonio Cole 49-7 Friday and are 5-0.

Top 10

Here is The Associated Press high school poll with first place votes in parentheses, records, points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, and the team's ranking in last week's poll:

Class 5A			
Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Lufkin (19)	.4-0	199	1
2. The Woodlands	.4-0	158	2
3. Southlake Carroll (1)	.4-0	148	3
4. Longview	.3-0	146	4
5. Tyler Lee	.4-0	131	5
6. Arlington Lamar	.4-0	95	7
7. Aldine Eisenhower	.3-1	55	9
8. SA Roosevelt	.4-0	46	10
9. GP North Shore	.4-0	33	-
10. Leander	.4-0	16	-

DROPPED OUT: DeSoto, Smithson Valley.

Also receiving votes: Smithson Valley 13, Temple 13, Waco High 12, Spring Westfield 11, Abilene 7, Dallas Carter 5, Copperas Cove 4, Converse Judson 3, Mansfield Summit 2, Port Arthur Memorial 2, Midland Lee 1.

Class 4A			
1. Ennis (19)	.4-0	199	1
2. Texarkana (1)	.4-0	172	2
3. La Marque	.4-0	163	3
4. Brownwood	.4-0	137	4
5. CC Calallen	.4-0	118	5
6. Corsicana	.5-0	84	6
7. Bay City	.4-1	54	7
8. Dayton	.4-0	46	8
9. Denton Ryan	.3-1	33	9
10. Andrews	.5-0	32	10

DROPPED OUT: None.
Also receiving votes: Kilgore 8, Brownsville Porter 7, Highland Park 6, Killeen 6, Sharyland 6, Stephenville 6, Dallas Lincoln 4, Fredericksburg 4, Port Neches-Groves 4, Nederland 3, Waco University 3, Hallsville 2, Sulphur Springs 2, Pampa 1.

Class 3A			
1. Burnet (20)	.5-0	200	1
2. Bellville	.5-0	162	2
3. Daingerfield	.5-0	151	4
4. Fairfield	.4-0	130	5
5. Newton	.4-0	104	7
6. Midland Greenwood	.4-1	84	3
7. Gilmer	.5-0	77	8
8. Gainesville	.5-0	60	10
9. Forney	.4-1	58	9
10. Kennedale	.4-0	24	-

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DROPPED OUT: Everman.

Also receiving votes: Celina 18, Decatur 18, Navasota 8, Altair Rice 5, Sweetwater 1.

Class 2A			
1. Comfort (15)	.5-0	189	1
2. Garrison (1)	.5-0	179	2
3. McGregor (1)	.4-0	149	3
4. Hemphill (2)	.4-0	136	4
5. Panhandle	.4-0	102	5
6. Tom Bean (1)	.4-0	91	6
7. Crane	.4-0	62	7
8. Corrigan-Camden	.4-1	55	8
9. Rosebud-Lott	.3-1	46	9
10. Jacksboro	.5-0	43	10

DROPPED OUT: None.

Also receiving votes: Leon 15, Cisco 10, Italy 10, Maypearl 6, Jim Ned 5, Linden-Kildare 2.

Class A			
1. West Sabine (17)	.4-0	195	1
2. Stratford (3)	.4-0	182	2
3. Shiner	.4-0	153	3
4. Albany	.4-0	140	4
5. Anton	.4-0	116	5
6. Thrall	.4-0	90	6
7. Chilton	.4-1	79	7
8. Windthorst	.4-1	66	8
9. Wink	.5-0	47	9
10. Iraan	.4-1	24	10

DROPPED OUT: None.

Also receiving votes: Milano 4, Falls City 3, Crosbyton 1.

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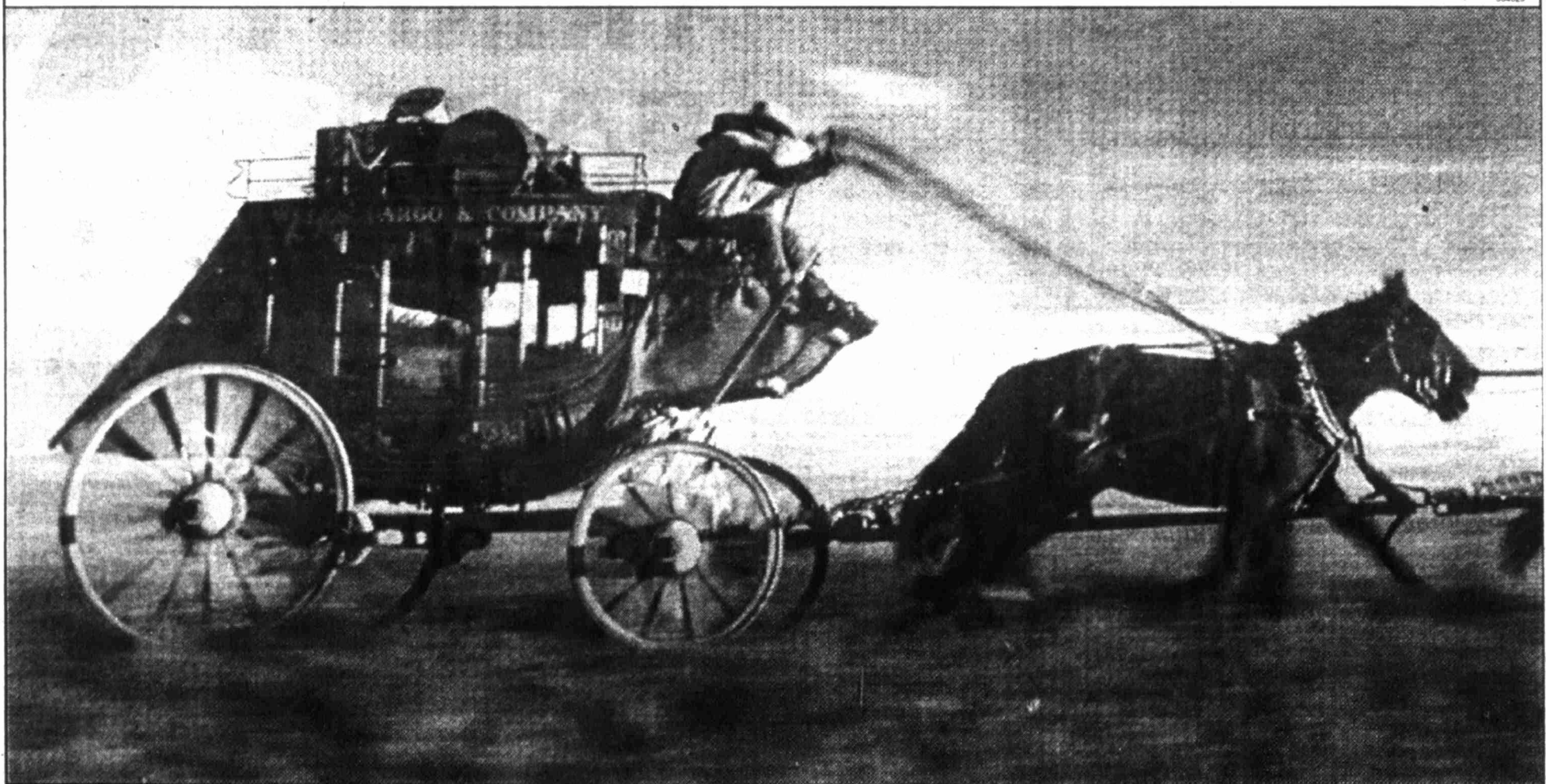
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